

May 2, 2023

The Gallipolis City Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at 5:00 p.m., at the Gallipolis Municipal Building, 333 Third Avenue, having complied with Section 9 of the City Charter and Section 121.03 of the City Codified Ordinances.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by an invocation given by Mr. Gallagher.

Commission President Tony Gallagher called the meeting to order.

Upon roll call, the following members were present:

Albert "Tony" Gallagher, President  
William "Bill" Thomas, Vice-President  
R. William "Bill" Jenkins, Member

Others attending were:

Dow W Saunders, City Manager  
Shelly L. Clonch, City Auditor  
Andrew Noe, City Solicitor  
Chad Vaughn, River Cities News  
Ronnie Lynch                      Joy Elliott                      Keith Elliott  
Randy Breech                      Marvin Ours (zoom)

The commission received the minutes of April 18, 2023, and April 24, 2023, prior to this meeting. Dr. Thomas made a motion to accept the April 18<sup>th</sup> minutes, seconded by Mr. Jenkins. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes. Mr. Jenkins made a motion to accept the April 24<sup>th</sup> minutes, seconded by Dr. Thomas. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

Mr. Randy Breech spoke during the privilege of the floor and informed the commission that he spoke with Mr. Cole Massie, who was attending an economic development meeting in Columbus and was informed that the topic there was a major delay on construction projects in Ohio. Mr. Breech stated that he has projects coming up and asked if the City could accelerate the process of making a decision on the Washington County building department overseeing building plan submissions. Mr. Saunders said that he and Mr. Bostic were talking to Rio Grande Mayor, Matt Easter, and were waiting to see the county-wide response and what other villages were doing. Mr. Breech replied that the County Commission has already passed and signed an ordinance. Mr. Jenkins and Mr. Thomas were all for it and want to make sure the State will let the official act on their behalf. The Commission decided to have the building official come to the next meeting to give them more information.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- The City entered into an agreement with our broker, Trebel Energy, for gas aggregation and they have obtained PUCO certification. They have locked in a 2-year rate with Archer Energy at the price of \$.595 per CCF compared to Columbia Gas's SCO rate being \$.950. This will be effective starting July 1, 2023. He has signed the master agreement and is waiting to receive a signed copy back. Archer Energy will provide notification to residents and provide an opt-in/opt-out notice.
- We have been assigned a planner, IBI, for the Appalachia Community Grant under our application with OVRDC. We also have an application under Mayor's Partnership, but they have not been assigned a planner for communities.
- He provided the commission copies of local farmer's market concepts. He has talked to Mayor Easter in Rio about theirs at Rio Grande to get an idea of what they have.
- We have had some issues with the cutting of curbs for the Route 7 paving project. The original streetscape maps that we provided showed electrical conduits buried deeper than they actually are. They have hit wiring within 12 inches which is supposed to be a depth of 2 feet or more.

Crisenberry Electric has been assisting the City with corrective action to repair the electrical conduits on Court Street and State Street.

- The garage has hired seasonal employees who have been busy in the parks and have done a nice job at the cemeteries so far.
- The WTP has hired a new employee and is now back at full staff.
- Commended Mr. Woodall and Mr. Westfall on conducting training for water and sewer certifications.
- He has signed the contract for Oakwood Drive with Ohio-West Virginia Excavating and anticipates paperwork to be received back by May 18<sup>th</sup>, City approving documents on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, pre-construction meeting on June 6<sup>th</sup>, construction beginning on June 26<sup>th</sup>.
- The paving of Farm Road has been completed and the City's portion of \$11,000 is in the appropriation ordinance tonight.

The City Auditor presented three invoices over \$3,000 for approval of payment:

- \$4,113.07 from AEP for street lighting. Inv: 3/30/23. PO: 4/4/23.
- \$7,250.00 from Abe Miller Roofing for FD residence roof replacement. Inv: 10/25/23. PO: 3/3/23.
- \$12,470.00 from Great Lakes Community Action for utility mapping. Inv: 4/4/23. PO: 4/19/23

Mr. Jenkins made a motion to approve the payments, seconded by Dr. Thomas. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

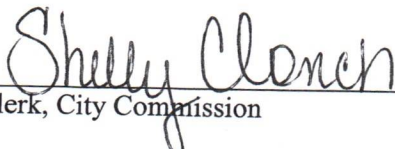
The Auditor informed the commission that the appropriation ordinance on the second reading agenda has had the following amendments since the first reading:

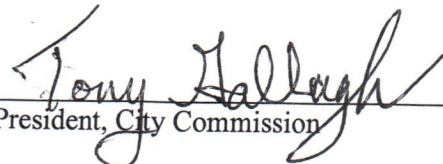
\$2,000 was added to the Canine fund for a K-9 vest (funds donated from the Visitors Center)

\$11,000 added to M & R Streets for the paving of the City-owned portion of Farm Road

There was presented and read to the Commission for a second reading Ordinance No. O2023-16 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O2023-08, SETTING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023.** Mr. Jenkins made a motion to amend the ordinance to include \$2,000 to the Canine Fund and \$11,000 to the M & R Street fund, seconded by Dr. Thomas. Upon roll call to amend the ordinance, all votes were yes. Dr. Thomas made a motion to adopt the amended ordinance on the second reading, seconded by Mr. Jenkins. Upon roll call to adopt the amended ordinance on the second reading, all votes were yes.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.

  
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Clerk, City Commission

  
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President, City Commission