

June 6, 2023

The Gallipolis City Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, June 6, 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
Michael W. Brown, Member
Michael C. Fulks, Member
R. William "Bill" Jenkins, Member

Others attending were:

Dow W Saunders, City Manager
Shelly L. Clonch, City Auditor
Chad Vaughn, River Cities News (zoom)
Ronnie Lynch Jeff Boyer Joy Elliott
Keith Elliott Lester Plymale Greg Hall
Randy Breech Marvin Ours (zoom) Whitney Vilfer (zoom)
Dr. Bill Thomas (zoom)

The commission received the minutes of May 16, 2023, prior to this meeting. Mr. Jenkins made a motion to accept the May 16th minutes, seconded by Mr. Fulks. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- The swimming pool opened today and the new pump is in and working great.
- We have several employees who will be taking their water and sewer certification exams in the near future. Also, we are hoping to receive some seasonal maintenance help through Job and Family Services that will be at no cost to the City.
- He received a two-week resignation notice from Maintenance Superintendent Mr. Joe "Skeeter" Woodall, who has accepted a position elsewhere. Mr. Woodall's last day will be June 23rd and we have posted the position internally. We have a lot of work ahead of us in focusing on the Maintenance Garage.
- The paving of State Route 7 through Gallipolis has been delayed and is set to begin on June 19th and he will keep the commission posted as he gets any new information.
- The City previously submitted in 2021, an application for state funding of water and sewer projects. We applied for water meters, sanitary sewer separation on Belmont, and a lift station in the Burger and Cruzet area. The Department of Development requested an update on these proposed projects. With the state now having additional funding, these applications will roll over without having to re-apply. The Ohio Speaker of the House sent a letter of support on behalf of our application.
- Included in the commission packet is a Gallipolis profile from the Mayors Partnership group. It includes socio-economic, population, and educational levels for 5, 10, and 15-minute areas from Gallipolis.
- The Oakwood Drive project started yesterday and is looking to go faster than we anticipated. He went up today and they were in the process of doing core drilling.
- On the eight-million-dollar water line project grant through the Appalachian Regional Development that we applied for, we are on the list for a 30-year loan with 0% interest but were not selected for principal forgiveness. Most of the entities selected already have their design and

engineering completed. He is suggesting that we proceed with the same in hopes of receiving the principal forgiveness in the next round.

- After reviewing and scoring the statements of qualifications for engineering services from IBI and DLZ, he is recommending that we proceed with an agreement with IBI.
- The 2nd First Friday was held June 2nd and was well attended.

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

- \$5,500.00 from Bobs Market for Gallipolis in Lights expenses. Inv: 3/8/23. PO: 5/8/23.
- \$3,953.31 from American Electric Power for street lights. Inv: 5/1/23. PO: 5/2/23.
- \$5,386.17 from Tetra-Tech for pre-demo/asbestos survey. Inv: 4/28/23. PO: 5/24/23.
- \$85,491.30 from US Bank for payment on buildings loan. Inv: 5/17/23. PO: 5/24/23.

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

Ms. Clonch presented the May 2023 financial statement for approval. She stated that they look different because we got our new Authority Finance system up and running. Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the May financial statement, seconded by Mr. Fulks. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

Mr. Saunders stated that the City Solicitor contacted him and let him know that he is out of town this week.

Mr. Brown mentioned that the Gallipolis historical sign in the City Park is getting a lot of bird droppings and suggested it be moved. Also, he had complaints about a kid skateboarding on the wall of the Veteran's Memorial and also a kid climbing on the Kerr Memorial. Mr. Boyer stated there is not much they can do unless someone calls the Police Department when they see it happening.

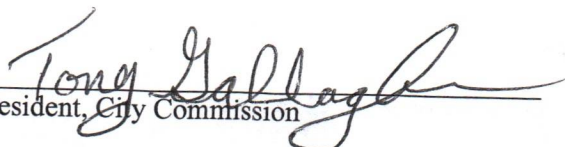
Mr. Fulks said the downtown looked great for First Friday and that City crews did an excellent job of cleaning up after the storm this past weekend.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading Ordinance No. O2023-17 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING UNDER THE VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT AND STATE VICTIMS ASSISTANCE ACT AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT IF THE GRANT IS AWARDED.** Mr. Jenkins made a motion to place the ordinance on the first reading, seconded by Mr. Fulks. Upon voice vote to place the ordinance on the first reading, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading Ordinance No. O2023-18 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O2023-08, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2023-16, SETTING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS OHIO DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023.** Mr. Fulks made a motion to place the ordinance on the first reading, seconded by Mr. Jenkins. Upon voice vote to place the ordinance on the first reading, all votes were yes.

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


Clerk, City Commission


President, City Commission