

July 18, 2023

The Gallipolis City Commission met in special session on Tuesday, July 18, 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 Dr. Thomas.

Commission Vice-President Dr. Bill Thomas called the meeting to order.

Upon roll call, the following members were present:

William "Bill" Thomas, Vice-President
Michael W. Brown, Member
Michael C. Fulks, Member
R. William "Bill" Jenkins, Member

(Albert "Tony" Gallagher will join the meeting when there is a break-off from the meeting before resolutions and ordinances are presented. The meeting will be continued at Holzer Medical Center, 5th Floor conference room.)

Others attending were:

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

The commission received the minutes of June 20, 2023, prior to this meeting. Mr. Jenkins made a motion to accept the June 20th minutes, seconded by Mr. Fulks. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

Dr. Thomas asked those in attendance if anyone wanted to speak for the privilege of the floor. Mr. Lester Plymale spoke up about the weeds at the boat club not being mowed. Mr. Fulks stated that they tried to mow it recently but it was too wet and will have to wait for the ground to dry up.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- There are two ordinances on the agenda tonight to enter into a contract with Arcadis IBI Group. He has requested in writing that they be passed as emergencies because it is crucial in getting water line designs prepared so that we may apply in the spring for funding. Having the designs prepared puts us in a much better position for loan forgiveness. Also, we need to have them for any general engineering that we may need. They do not charge a monthly retainer but only for services actually rendered.
- A resolution is being presented tonight with the request of suspending the rules to request the County Auditor's certification in hopes of placing an additional 2 mil fire levy on the ballot this fall. Mr. Noe identified the changes in the state law and made sure the resolution was prepared correctly and the proper form was done. If this is passed tonight and we get the certification from the County Auditor, we will meet again on Thursday to get the language passed to submit to the Board of Elections.
- He attended the Hoop Project this past weekend and there was a big turnout with a record number of teams. This a great PR event for the City. He thanked City crews for help in the setup and said there are a lot of people in the community who volunteer many hours for this event including Dr. Kelly Roush with Holzer for medical treatment.

- Mr. Jacob Elberfeld has turned in his resignation from the Police Department and that leaves us currently down two officers.
- He did a drive-through of the State Route 7 paving project with Beau Whaley of ODOT. They did a good job of traffic control and also marking manholes and water valves.
- On the Oakwood Drive project, paving and drenching have been completed to be followed up with guardrail installation. Burgess & Niple will be here on Thursday for a walk-through. The project will come in significantly under what we estimated. Ms. Clonch and himself are working on getting the engineering billing and payments together and submitted to OPWC for reimbursement.
- Everyone was given copies of a proposal from two local financial institutions for our depository accounts.
- Thanked Chad Vaughn with River Cities News for getting a press release out to inform the public of the pool issues. Astro Pools, who originally installed the pool, is making sure that we are “apples to apples” on our new filter and pump and looking at our flow rate to determine the best course of action. They are helping us remotely and if that doesn’t work, they do have a field representative who can come on-site.

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

- \$28,133.46 from Rumpke for May refuse pickup. Inv: 5/16/23. PO: 6/22/23.
- \$28,054.82 from Rumpke for June refuse pickup. Inv: 6/22/23. PO: 7/5/23.
- \$8,000.00 from Bob’s Market for Gallipolis in Lights expenses. Inv: 6/16/23. PO: 7/5/23.

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 to the commission for approval donations in the amount of \$5,500 for April, \$100 for May, and \$4,523 for June. These donations were from various donors to Gallipolis in Lights and from the Gallia County Visitor’s Center to the Canine Cop fund. Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the donations, seconded by Mr. Jenkins. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

The City Auditor also presented the June 2023 financial statement for approval. Mr. Fulks made a motion to approve the June financial statement, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

Ms. Clonch informed the commission that the City received an email from Daughters of the American Revolution concerning wreaths put on graves through Wreaths Across America in December. They are asking for a time extension on the wreaths being removed, longer than the ten days that the City allows. Mr. Saunders said he felt we can handle that internally and he did not see an issue with the extension.

The Commission Vice-President Dr. Thomas asked for a motion to break off the meeting at this time and reconvene immediately at the Holzer Medical Center 5th floor conference room so that Mr. Gallagher would be able to vote on legislation. Dr. Thomas informed those in attendance that they were more than welcome to join. Mr. Jenkins made a motion to break off and reconvene at Holzer Medical Center, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

The City Commission reconvened at the Holzer Medical Center 5th Floor Conference Room at approximately 6:00 p.m. with all five commissioners present.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a second reading Resolution No. R2023-08 entitled **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPECIAL REVENUE FUND 271 COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ACT 2.0**. Mr. Jenkins made a motion to adopt the resolution on the second reading, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon roll call to adopt the resolution on the second reading, all votes were yes.

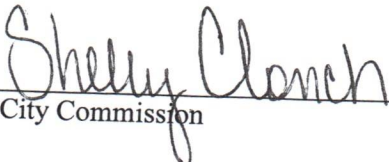
There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading Resolution No. R2023-09 entitled **A RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAINTAINING AND PAYING FOR FIRE APPARATUS, APPLIANCES, BUILDING, EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES, AND FACILITIES FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO REQUESTING THE AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** The City Manager requested in writing that the rules be suspended and this Resolution be passed on the first reading. Mr. Jenkins made a motion to adopt the resolution on the first reading, seconded by Mr. Fulks. Upon roll call to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution on the first reading, all votes were yes.

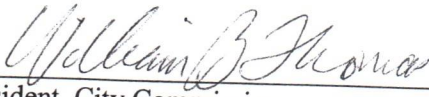
There was presented and read to the Commission for a second reading Ordinance No. O2023-20 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 91-1, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 94-23, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 97-119, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 98-116, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2021-20, AND ESTABLISHING PAID HOLIDAYS FOR APPOINTED OFFICIALS AND FULL-TIME MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES.** The City Auditor explained that the format of the Ordinance had changed since the first reading and would have to be amended. Mr. Jenkins made a motion to amend the format of the ordinance, seconded by Mr. Gallagher. Upon roll call to amend the ordinance, all votes were yes. Mr. Brown made a motion to adopt the amended ordinance, seconded by Mr. Gallagher. Upon roll call to adopt the amended ordinance, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an Emergency Ordinance No. O2023-21 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH ARCADIS IBI GROUP TO PERFORM PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATED TO ENGINEERING FOR THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS OHIO.** Mr. Fulks made a motion to adopt the ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon roll call to adopt the ordinance as an emergency, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an Emergency Ordinance No. O2023-22 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH ARCADIS IBI GROUP TO PERFORM PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATED TO THE DESIGN AND REPLACEMENT OF WATER LINES FOR THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS OHIO.** Mr. Brown made a motion to adopt the ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Jenkins. Upon roll call to adopt the ordinance as an emergency, all votes were yes.

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


Clerk, City Commission


Vice President, City Commission