

July 20, 2023

The Gallipolis City Commission met in special session on Thursday, July 20, 2023, at 11:30 a.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.

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

Mr. Jenkins made a motion to break off and immediately reconvene at Holzer Medical Center so that Mr. Gallagher could vote on legislation, seconded by Mr. Fulks. 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 12:00 p.m. with all five commissioners present.

The City Manager explained that after we passed Resolution R2023-09, we had to take the resolution to the County Auditor to certify the estimated levy revenues which are attached to Resolution R2023-10 on the agenda today.

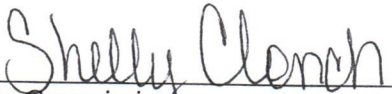
There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading Resolution No. R2023-10 entitled **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR ACCEPT AND ENTER INTO AN OHIO EPA WATER SUPPLY REVOLVING LOAN ACCOUNT (WSRLA) AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS FOR DESIGN OF THE WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT AND DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR LOAN FINANCING.** The City Manager requested in writing that the rules be suspended and this Resolution is passed on the first reading to proceed with the loan application process. Mr. Saunders stated that after he signed the agreement with IBI, he sent it to Mr. Kevin Wood who then forwarded on to Mr. Kurtis Strickland with RCAP who applied for our water line project with the Ohio EPA. Mr. Strickland will be working on the engineering design loan. 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 first reading Resolution No. R2023-11 entitled **A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE AMOUNT OF TAXES THAT MAY BE RAISED BY LEVY AT THE MAXIMUM RATE AUTHORIZED BY LAW WITHOUT A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS TO BE INSUFFICIENT AND DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF A LEVY IN EXCESS OF SUCH RATE.** The City Manager requested in writing that the rules be suspended and this Resolution is passed on the first reading. Mr. Fulks made a motion to adopt the resolution on the first reading, seconded by Mr. Brown. Mr. Saunders stated that once this resolution is passed and signed, we

can send it to the Board of Elections. 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 as an Emergency Ordinance No. O2023-23 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE UPDATING PUBLIC FUNDS AGREEMENT FOR ACTIVE DEPOSITS FOR TREASURY FUNDS OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS OHIO.** The Auditor explained that we were in a five-year agreement for our depository accounts with Ohio Valley Bank that just ended on June 30, 2023, and they submitted a new proposal for another five-year contract. She wanted to shop what other banks were offering and reached out to local banks and received one proposal from WesBanco. The proposal from WesBanco offered a better interest rate than OVB and there is no contract. Mr. Jenkins inquired about what we have to do internally to switch banks. Ms. Clonch explained that our check stock is blank so that would not be an issue and we would just have to order new stamps and get all of our ACH payments changed. Dr. Thomas asked why this ordinance needed to be passed as an emergency. Ms. Clonch responded that we are currently losing money on interest rates because we are only earning .40% at OVB under our old contract and getting this passed would put us at an interest rate of 4.50%. She stated neither bank that submitted proposals is offering a fixed rate. Mr. Saunders also mentioned that Ohio Valley Bank excludes \$500,000 of our balance from earning interest as compensation for services. 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 being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.



Clerk, City Commission



Vice President, City Commission