

August 1, 2023

The Gallipolis City Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, August 1, 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 a moment of silence in lieu of an opening prayer.

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

Upon roll call, the following members were present:

William "Bill" Thomas, Vice-President  
Michael W. Brown, Member  
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 (zoom)  
Ronnie Lynch                      Keith Elliott                      Joy Elliott  
Randy Breech                      Bernice Wells                      Danielle Caldwell  
Marvin Ours (zoom)              Rick Wells (zoom)

The commission received the minutes of July 18 & 20, 2023, prior to this meeting. Mr. Jenkins made a motion to accept the July 18<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> minutes, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

Ms. Bernice Wells, the owner of Hogg Haven and Dock Inn, was granted the privilege of the floor. Ms. Wells and her husband approached the commission in March concerning the City's request for a hearing on their liquor license transfer at Dock Inn. The City requested a hearing due to the fact of the number of 911 calls received on Hogg Haven from fights to loud music. She stated that they have been in business for 18 years and feel like they are good business owners and they contribute to many causes for the community including Secret Santa, hat drives, and several poker runs. Ms. Wells stated that anytime you run an establishment with alcohol there is a high percentage that you are going to have trouble. During COVID they did have a lot of issues but they eventually got everything under control. Their policy has always been to call the law when they see trouble happening. They met with the Chief of Police Mr. Boyer to discuss issues that have that caused the City to request a hearing for their liquor license transfer at their new establishment, Dock Inn. The City Manager told Ms. Wells that there was an altercation at the Dock Inn resulting in a patrolman getting injured. She stated that she was aware of that incident because they had called the law on the guy that was starting the trouble and they had no control over his behavior. Ms. Wells said when they came to the commission in March, they agreed to disconnect a couple of speakers at Hogg Haven to keep the music down and would have the last call at 11 p.m. and close their establishments at 12 a.m. The City then agreed to rescind its request for a hearing on the license. They met with Mr. Boyer last week to request that their last call be at 12 a.m. and stay open until 1 a.m. because their business has gone down and employees need more hours. She stated that Mr. Boyer had no problem with it. Ms. Wells stated that she had talked with Mr. Brown and he didn't like how the motorcycles were parked on the sidewalk. She stated that if she is aware of them parking there she would ask them to move but she can't be constantly watching where patrons park. They currently pay for a 2:30 a.m. license and feel like they are getting punished for the music and the law being called. She mentioned there are other establishments in town that have a 2:30 a.m. license that stay open later that have also had complaints. Ms. Wells stated she is here today to request that Hogg Haven be allowed to stay open until 1 a.m. as they have responded to complaints and got them under control. Dr. Thomas stated he didn't think the commission could take

the request directly and that she would need to discuss it with the City Manager and then he could bring his recommendation to the commission and they would put it to a vote. Mr. Saunders said that Mr. Boyer was on vacation and he would discuss the request with him when he returns and let the commission know his recommendation.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- We were successful in obtaining two grant awards from the Ohio Department of Development. These were applied for in 2021 but were not funded. The State came up with more funding and reviewed previous applications. We will receive \$262,424.00 for water meters and sanitary storm sewer upgrades on Belmont Drive. A press release was printed in yesterday's newspaper.
- The bid opening for residential refuse collection was opened last Friday with Rumpke being the only bidder. There is an ordinance on the agenda tonight to accept their bid. They have always done a great job for the City.
- There is a resolution on the agenda tonight to enter into a grant agreement with ODOD for the water and sewer grant funding as mentioned earlier. He would like a motion by the commission to go ahead and sign the agreements. Mr. Brown made a motion authorizing the City Manager to sign the said grant agreement, seconded by Mr. Jenkins. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes. Ms. Clonch also has a resolution on the agenda to create the fund for this project.
- He met with ODOT a couple of weeks ago along with Mr. Brown to do a review of the paving project and they discussed the ADA upgrades. The City has painted the new curbs yellow to make the changes more visible. He gave kudos to the Shelly Company & ODOT for the way they handled traffic.
- Burgess & Niple were here along with their Geotech engineer who seemed pleased with the Oakwood Drive project. Mr. Saunders commended Ohio West Virginia Excavating for their professionalism and accommodation to the property owners. He sent pictures to the newspaper and also sent pictures of the completed project to the director of the Ohio Public Works Commission.
- The Southeast Ohio representative for Senator Brown's office stopped by for a visit last week.
- The Police Department had another officer resignation which was going to leave them down three officers. They recently hired an officer to fill one of those positions.
- He recorded the permanent easement for Oakwood Drive at the Records Office and also took the resolutions passed to put the 2-mill fire levy on the ballot to the Board of Elections.
- Attended the Fire Department picnic and also the opening ceremony at the Gallia County Junior Fair.
- Spoke with a gentleman who was working on a tower about possibly being able to repair the flag pole at Mound Hill. The gentleman thought that he would be able to fix the brackets at a cost of \$4,500 and paint the flag pole for \$1,500 but this would not include crane rental. Mr. Jenkins stated that we needed to get this done. Mr. Saunders said that we could possibly ask for donations and Mr. Jenkins suggested asking the Elks as they have donated money in the past for the flag.
- We are continuing to have design challenges at the pool with the pump as we used the specifications from our old equipment and it is just not working. We have been in contact with the manufacturer of the pump, motor, and sand filters along with Geiger Brothers and Astro Pool in trying to get everything back to working. Unfortunately, we are going to lose a season.

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

- \$9,180.50 from Appalachian Environment for a control pump. Inv: 6/30/23. PO: 7/13/23.
- \$4,936.42 from Geiger Brothers for pool plumbing work. Inv: 6/30/23. PO: 7/14/23.
- \$7,695.00 from Ratliff's Pool Center for a commercial pool vacuum. Inv: 6/29/23. PO: 7/13/23.

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

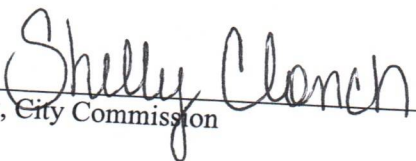
There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading Resolution No. R2023-12 entitled **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW CAPITAL PROJECT FUND (378) FOR OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT GRANT FUNDING FOR WATER AND SEWER PROJECTS.** Mr. Brown made a motion to place the resolution on the first reading, seconded by Mr. Jenkins. Upon voice vote on the motion to place the resolution on the first reading, all votes were yes.


There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading Resolution No. R2023-13 entitled **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT FOR THE WATER AND WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM.** Mr. Jenkins made a motion to place the resolution on the first reading, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon voice vote on the motion to place the resolution on the first reading, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading Ordinance No. O2023-24 entitled **AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND REJECTING BIDS FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.** Mr. Jenkins made a motion to place the ordinance on the first reading, seconded by Mr. Brown. 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. O2023-25 entitled **AN ORDINANCE SETTING RATES FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL FOR EACH RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO.** Mr. Brown 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

  
Vice-President, City Commission