

August 15, 2023

The Gallipolis City Commission met in special session on Tuesday, August 15, 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 to remember our lost loved ones.

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  
Michael C. Fulks, 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  
Ronnie Lynch                      Keith Elliott                      Joy Elliott  
Randy Breech                      Bernice Wells                      Marvin Ours  
Whitney Vilfer (zoom)      Rick Wells (zoom)

The commission received the minutes of August 1, 2023, prior to this meeting. Dr. Thomas made a recommendation that the minutes be amended in the section prior to calling the meeting to order to read "in lieu of opening prayer" instead of "in lieu of an invocation". Mr. Jenkins made a motion to amend and accept the August 1<sup>st</sup> minutes, seconded by Mr. Fulks. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- Last week he attended the CIC meeting to represent the City in the absence of Mr. Gallagher. He also attended the Mayor's Partnership for Progress meeting in Athens. The state budget designated a million dollars to the Mayor's Partnership through the Voinovich School and they are looking at uses of funds to service municipalities. He completed a survey and ranked it as one of our pressing needs for zoning and land use.
- The planner for the City on the Appalachia Community Development grant will be here tomorrow and he plans to discuss the Blue Fountain Lift Station upgrade and Belmont Drive sanitary sewer. On Thursday, the engineer for the water line replacement design will be here at 10:30. He stated we should publish this as a meeting in case three of the commissioners would want to attend and Mr. Jenkins agreed with him.
- The contractor who will be fixing and painting the flag pole at Mound Hill will be here on Thursday. The cost of this project will be around \$8,000 and he has written a letter in hopes of getting community support.
- He is continuing to assess personnel openings and job classification modifications. The Water Plant will start interviews soon and we also plan to hire one or two more employees for water and sewer line maintenance to fill vacant positions.
- The car show and the annual catfish tournament were held this past weekend and looked very well attended.
- We are looking at a company to come in and assess our lift stations so that we can get started with repairs as discussed during our budget sessions.



- The clock doctor has made contact with him and will get a new contract ready to come and get the clock in the park fixed where the time has been off.
- We have five or six employees who will be taking their classification tests this week for water and sewer licenses.

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

- \$24,281.00 from Gallia Jackson Meigs Board of Mental Health for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarter case management. Inv: 6/30/23. PO: 7/26/23.
- \$4,500.05 from Tri-State Racer for Gallipolis in Lights 5k run. Inv: 5/15/23. PO: 7/26/23.

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

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

There was presented and read to the Commission for a second 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. Jenkins made a motion to adopt the resolution on the second reading, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon roll call on the motion to adopt the resolution on the second reading, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a second 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. Fulks made a motion to adopt the resolution on the second reading, seconded by Mr. Jenkins. Mr. Saunders stated that we did get the agreements signed and returned and now are waiting for the next step. Upon roll call on the motion to adopt the resolution on the second reading, all votes were yes.

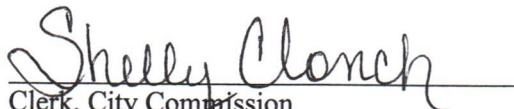
There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading Resolution No. R2023-14 entitled **A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING PUBLIC DEPOSITORY AND AUTHORIZING WITHDRAWAL OF MUNICIPAL PUBLIC MONEYS.** Mr. Fulks made a motion to place the resolution on the first reading, seconded by Mr. Jenkins. Upon voice vote 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. R2023-15 entitled **A RESOLUTION REQUESTING CERTIFICATION TO ENFORCE THE OHIO STATE BUILDING CODES WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF GALLIPOLIS OHIO.** Mr. Jenkins made a motion to place the resolution on the first reading, seconded by Mr. Fulks. Mr. Saunders stated that this was brought about after Mr. Randy Breech approached the Commission some time ago due to delays with the state on getting building permits and plans approved. The County and Rio Grande have adopted this certification with the Southeast Ohio Building Department and it has made the process much faster. If it turns out not to be a positive thing for the City then we can always go back to the old ways with the state. Upon voice vote to place the resolution on the first reading, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a second reading Ordinance No. O2023-24 entitled **AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND REJECTING BIDS FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.** Mr. Jenkins made a motion to adopt the ordinance on the second reading, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon roll call to adopt the ordinance on the second reading, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a second 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. Fulks made a motion to adopt the ordinance on the second reading, seconded by Mr. Jenkins. Upon roll call to adopt the ordinance on the second 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