

September 5, 2023

The Gallipolis City Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, September 5, 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
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 (zoom)
Ronnie Lynch Lester Plymale Greg Hall
Patty Hays Cletus Harder Marvin Ours (zoom)
Whitney Vilfer (zoom)

The commission received the minutes of August 15, 2023, prior to this meeting. Mr. Jenkins made a motion to approve the August 15th minutes, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

Mr. Lester Plymale addressed the commission to inform them that the Boat Club still has not mowed their high grass. Mr. Fulks said where it was wet it had been impossible to mow. They had a guy who had been digging it out when he could.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- We received two donations for the repair of the flag pole at Mound Hill, \$4,000 from the Elks Lodge and \$200 from the Bowmans. He sent thank you letters to each donor and appreciates the support we have received. The total cost of the flag pole repair was around \$8,100.
- There have been some challenges with our water meter reading system. The system went down and we were able to get reading boxes on loan for now. Mr. Westfall was going to try to read today, if possible, to see if it works but the bills will have to be estimated this month. We have the older meters which are SR1 and the newer meters which are SR2, a black box reads the SR1 and a silver box reads the SR2. The SR1 boxes are not made anymore and are hard to get.
- A representative from Citco Water was here last week and they had a good discussion on purchasing water meters through our grant. They discussed whether we should go with SR2 meters or Iperl meters which are ultrasonic and also discussed our commercial meters that are not working. Citco Water will come back to do a site review analysis.
- Everything for the water line design loan has been submitted by Kurtis Strickland to the State and should be issued sometime in October.
- Local preparations are beginning for the 200th anniversary in 2025 of The Lafayette's visit to Gallipolis. Bev Jeffers with the Our House has been researching some historical markers. If they placed it at the park front, he would have to make an agreement with Ohio Historical Connections.

Mr. Jenkins suggested it be placed at the Our House with Dr. Thomas agreeing that it would be an attraction for more people to stop there.

- There is a resolution on the agenda tonight to apply for a paving grant on a \$445,000 project. A 10% match isn't going to get us anywhere so we will have to figure out what kind of a match we can do.
- Ohio Municipal League's newsletter stated that premiums for public employers will go down 3.9% in January.

Mr. Gallagher asked if there was a water main break in town. Mr. Saunders said the leak today was the result of someone working on a hydrant at a private development and they blew the line. It has been fixed and the water is back on at Eastern Avenue. We may have to put some kind of policy in place on hydrants that are not ours.

The City Auditor presented one invoice over \$3,000 for approval of payment:

- \$24,186.93 from Nicholas Electric Motor Repair for pump installation at WTP. Inv: 4/26/23. PO: 8/23/23.

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

The Solicitor stated that there is a resolution on the agenda tonight for the appointment of an Assistant Solicitor. This position will not increase his budget due to him waiving the health insurance.

Mr. Brown said the Kerr Memorial has a step that has been damaged we need to get fixed and also the lighting is not coming on at night. Mr. Saunders and Mr. Jenkins suggested getting ahold of whoever is over the trust fund for the memorial.

Mr. Gallagher thanked Mr. Lynch for getting him to the meeting tonight from the hospital.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a second reading Resolution No. R2023-14 entitled **A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING PUBLIC DEPOSITORY AND AUTHORIZING WITHDRAWAL OF MUNICIPAL PUBLIC MONEYS.** 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 second reading Resolution No. R2023-15 entitled **A RESOLUTION REQUESTING CERTIFICATION TO ENFORCE THE OHIO STATE BUILDING CODES WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF GALLIPOLIS OHIO.** Dr. Thomas 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.

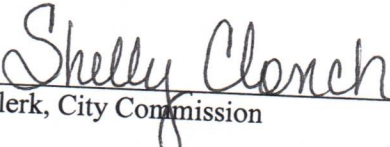
There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading Resolution No. R2023-16 entitled **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER DOW W SAUNDERS TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED.** The City Manager requested that the rules be suspended and this resolution be passed on the first reading. Mr. Jenkins made a motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution on the first reading, seconded by Dr. Thomas. 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. R2023-17 entitled **A RESOLUTION APPOINTING EMILY VANSICKLE AS ASSISTANT CITY SOLICITOR FOR THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS OHIO.** The City Manager requested that the rules be suspended and this resolution be passed on the first reading. Mr. Fulks made a motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution on the first reading, seconded by Dr. Thomas. 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 Ordinance No. O2023-26 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O2023-08, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2023-16, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2023-19, SETTING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS OHIO DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023.** Dr. Thomas 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. O2023-27 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O2023-09, AUTHORIZING THE CITY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER OR ADVANCE FUNDS.** 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