

December 19, 2022

The Gallipolis City Commission met in special session on Monday, December 19, 2022, at 6:00 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
Brynn S. Noe, City Solicitor (Zoom)
Chad Vaughn, River Cities News (Zoom)
Jeff Boyer Claudia Miller Dottie Chestnut
Ronnie Lynch John Ferragonio Joseph Boetsch

The commission received the minutes of December 5, 2022, prior to this meeting. Mr. Jenkins made a motion to accept the December 5th minutes, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- He regrets letting them know that one of our employees, Burt Wood, died suddenly while hunting. Mr. Wood was a standout high school athlete, winning the state tournament in track. He previously worked for Rio Grande and joined the City in April 2022. The City Manager requested a moment of silence in his memory.
- Received a thank you card from Mr. E. V. Clarke's family for the throw they received from the City in honor of Mr. Clarke's service.
- Gallipolis In Lights has been chosen by the Today Show to do a live feed broadcast on Wednesday morning in the park and WSAZ will also be there. Shari Rocchi is still receiving updates and will let everyone know.
- The Gallipolis Police Department was awarded around \$14,000.00 in additional grant dollars for the purchase of computers.
- Ms. Noe let him know that there was a grant application through OCJS for funds to help with the retention of victims of crime services. This could help offset the costs that our general fund uses to assist with the VOCA program. Ms. Clonch applied for the funding online.
- There is an ordinance on the agenda tonight for the operation and governance of gas aggregation and he recommends it be tabled until the next meeting.
- Also on the agenda is the first reading of the Lazarus Cemetery Software.
- Burgess & Niple will be here on Thursday morning for an update on Oakwood Drive.
- He has sent information to OWDA to see if we would be eligible for a lower interest rate loan if we decided to do a contract with ABM for meters.
- We are working with Ohio Bureau of Workers Comp for a possible grant to help purchase a leaf machine.

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

- \$4,577.24 from AEP for street lights. Inv: 11/29/22. PO: 12/5/22.
- \$28,074.48 from Rumpke for November trash pickup. Inv: 11/17/22. PO: 12/5/22.
- \$10,359.43 from Treasurer State of Ohio OPWC for loan payment. Inv: 11/15/22. PO: 11/17/22.

Mr. Fulks 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 second reading Ordinance No. O2022-44 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE USDA COMMUNITY FACILITIES (CF) LOAN/GRANT PROGRAM.** Dr. Thomas made a motion to adopt the ordinance on the second reading, second by Mr. Jenkins. 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 first reading Ordinance No. O2022-45 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES SECTION OF THE STATE AUDITOR'S OFFICE (GASB-34 LOOK-ALIKE STATEMENTS) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022.** Mr. Fulks made a motion to place the ordinance on the first reading, second by Mr. Jenkins. 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. O2022-46 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH LAZARUS CEMETERY MAPPING INC FOR THE SCANNING, DIGITIZING, AND MAPPING OF LOTS FOR MOUND HILL AND PINE STREET CEMETERIES.** Mr. Jenkins made a motion to place the ordinance on the first reading, second by Mr. Brown. Upon voice vote to place the ordinance on the first reading, all votes were yes.

Mr. Saunders asked Mr. John Ferragonio and Mr. Joseph Boetsch with ABM about the 30-day time limit on the contract that was presented. He wanted to make sure that we would not be receiving a bill of \$139,000 since a decision will not be made in that time frame. Mr. Boetsch stated that the City would not receive a bill because we were negotiating in good faith to move to a contractual agreement.

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


Clerk, City Commission


President, City Commission