

January 16, 2024

The Gallipolis City Commission met in special session on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. at the Gallipolis Municipal Building, 333 Third Avenue, having complied with Section 9 of the City Charter.

City Commission President Mr. Michael Fulks called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and took a moment to remember the ones currently battling illnesses.

Upon roll call, the following members were present:

Michael C. Fulks, President
William "Bill" Thomas, Vice-President
Michael W. Brown, Member

(William "Kirk" Frazee, Member, arrived at the meeting after the City Auditor's report)

Others attending were:

Dow W. Saunders, City Manager
Shelly L. Clonch, City Auditor
Andrew Noe, City Solicitor
Chad Vaughn, River Cities News
Ronnie Lynch Jeff Boyer Keith Elliott
Marvin Ours (zoom) Whitney Vilfer (zoom)

The commission received the minutes of January 2, 2024, prior to this meeting. Dr. Thomas made a motion to approve the January 2nd minutes, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon voice vote on the motion to approve the minutes, all votes were yes.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- He and the City Auditor have been meeting with Department Heads on their proposed 2024 budget. The WTP and WWTP Supervisors will be here tomorrow to discuss their budgets during the City Commissioner's work session.
- Had a telephone conference today during the Commissioner's work session with Buckeye Aquatics to discuss their proposal for the City Pool. The consensus was to move forward and start looking at financing options.
- Thanked the City Maintenance Crew for working during the evening and early morning salting roads due to the recent snow.
- Met with Cody of Citco Water and received clarification on the purchase of water meters under the ODOB grant. Since we are not restricted to the "Build America, Buy American" we will be purchasing ½ SR2 meters and ½ Iperl meters.
- The bid opening will be next week for the Blue Fountain lift station upgrade.
- The Fire Department has formed a committee to start working on specifications for a new fire apparatus since the passing of the Fire Levy. There is a two-year turnaround period right now from ordering to delivery.

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

- \$18,658.00 from Bob's Market for Gallipolis in Lights expenses. Inv: 12/7/23. PO: 1/2/24.
- \$72,551.59 from Jefferson Health Plan for employee health insurance. Inv: 12/18/23. PO: 1/2/24.

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

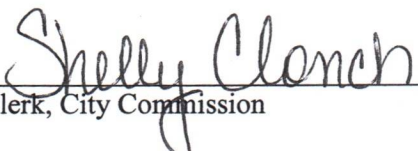
Ms. Clonch also presented the 2023 December financial statement for approval. Dr. Thomas made a motion to approve the December financial statement, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

Mr. Frazee arrived at the meeting and apologized for being late as he was attending calling hours.

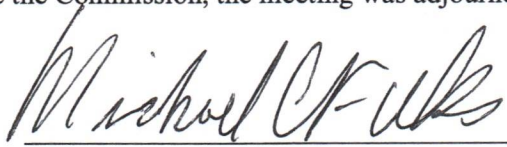
Mr. Fulks reiterated the City Manager's appreciation to the City Maintenance Garage on snow removal. He also stated that we needed to fill some board appointments that have expired and he was interested to continue serving on the Aid to Firefighters Dependents Fund board. There are two appointments needed to this board and Mr. Brown made a motion to appoint Mr. Fulks and Mr. Frazee to the Aid to Firefighters Dependents Fund board, seconded by Dr. Thomas. Upon voice vote on the motion for appointments, all votes were yes. Mr. Fulks said that he will get with the Auditor on what other board appointments are to be made at the next meeting.

There was presented and read to the Commission as a second reading Ordinance No. O2024-01 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE GALLIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR PAYMENT OF LEGAL SERVICES TO THE CITY'S INDIGENT CITIZENS.** Mr. Frazee made a motion to adopt the ordinance on the second reading, seconded by Dr. Thomas. Upon roll call to adopt the ordinance on second reading, all votes were yes. The Commission gave Mr. Saunders the authority to proceed with signing the contract.

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



Clerk, City Commission



President, City Commission