

December 19, 2023

The Gallipolis City Commission met in special session on Tuesday, December 19, 2023, at 4:00 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.

President Dr. Bill Thomas called the meeting to order.

Upon roll call, the following members were present:

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

The commission received the minutes of December 5, 2023, prior to this meeting. Mr. Jenkins made a motion to approve the December 5<sup>th</sup> minutes, seconded by Mr. Fulks. Upon voice vote on the motion to approve the minutes, all votes were yes.

Mr. Brown mentioned to Dr. Thomas that they forgot to recite the pledge. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by a moment of silence.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- Met with the Ohio EPA last week and there is a resolution on the agenda tonight supporting a City water protection plan. The EPA is trying to do this in all communities as an extra step in protecting and identifying the risk of emergent contaminants that can get into the water system. This will also give us a point when they are assessing our grant application.
- He also met with IBI/Arcadis to get an update on the water line engineering. He anticipates they will meet regularly until the design is complete. Having Ralph Taylor back helps because he has a long history of the lines. Ralph, Adam, John, and himself met with IBI for approximately 3 hours reviewing the aerial mapping. The bid invitation for the Blue Fountain lift station will be in the paper on December 22<sup>nd</sup> and January 5<sup>th</sup> with the bid opening on January 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Attended the housing forum update and the County and CIC have hired a firm to do more in-depth housing analysis, and some findings were surprising. They did talk about market review and the City has an advantage that we do have abatement.
- Applications have been submitted under the state capital project grant with 700 million available statewide. This included applications for a pickleball court, resurfacing the basketball court, and a splash pad. He also assisted the French Art Colony with getting an application made.
- Last week was the due date for the Appalachia community grants and now it will go to the State with an anticipated outcome in February.
- We proceeded with the Brightening Ohio community grant. He met with Jerrod Kelly of Ameresco and signed a letter of intent and if awarded the grant we would use Ameresco with no out-of-pocket costs.
- We received an estimate from Buckeye Aquatics for the pool repairs that he included in their packets. He hopes to do a work session with them over the phone tomorrow.

- Followed up with Curtis Strickland and he has completed the City's grant application to the Ohio Department of Development for the 5-million-dollar water project.
- We hosted the Mayor's Partnership for Progress December meeting for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row. They have already put us on the schedule to host next December which gives the City exposure.

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

- \$29,161.70 from Rumpke for trash pickup. Inv: 11/16/23. PO: 12/5/23.

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

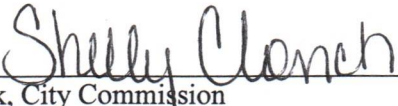
There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading Resolution No. R2023-24 entitled **A RESOLUTION FOR ACCEPTANCE OF COMMUNITY GRANT FROM THE SUSTAINABLE OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (SOPEC)**. The City Manager requested in writing that the rules be suspended and this resolution be passed on the first reading. Mr. Fulks made a motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution on the first reading, seconded by Mr. Jenkins. 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. R2023-25 entitled **A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A CITY SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT AND PROTECTION PLAN**. The City Manager requested in writing 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 Mr. Frazee. 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 as an emergency reading Ordinance No. O2023-43 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O2023-08, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2023-16, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2023-19, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2023-26, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2023-39, SETTING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023**. Mr. Fulks made a motion to adopt the ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Frazee. Upon roll call to adopt the ordinance as an emergency, all votes were yes.

Mr. Fulks made a motion to enter into an executive session to discuss a pending legal matter, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon roll call to enter into executive session, all votes were yes.

Upon return from executive session and there being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.

  
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Clerk, City Commission

  
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President, City Commission