

April 16, 2024

The Gallipolis City Commission met in special session on Tuesday, April 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 of silence.

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  
R. William "Bill" Jenkins, Member

Others attending were:

Dow W. Saunders, City Manager  
Shelly L. Clonch, City Auditor  
Andrew Noe, City Solicitor  
Ronnie Lynch                      Jonathan Elliott  
David Morgan                      Bryna Butler

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

Privilege of the floor was granted to Ms. Bryna Butler who serves on the Our House Museum board and also the committee organizing the event to be held May 22, 2025, to commemorate the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of General Lafayette's visit to Gallipolis. The Our House is applying to the State to obtain an Ohio Historical Marker and she is present tonight to request permission to place the sign at the riverfront. She met with the City Manager in March and they looked at spots along the park and riverfront. She showed the commission a picture of the location where they would like to put the sign which is where the long rock on the riverfront is which has a plaque there now that speaks of Lafayette. The sign would be double-sided with a picture of General Lafayette and information on his history and visit here. The Our House has to have the application sent in before the May 1<sup>st</sup> due date and it must include the GPS coordinates of the intended sign location. Dr. Thomas said that the Our House Museum is desperate for visitors and asked how the sign could be tied into that. Ms. Butler stated that the sign will mention that the General was escorted to the Our House and also because they are the applicant, it will have the Our House Museum name on the bottom of the sign. Commissioners agreed that they would like to go over to the riverfront to view the intended location before they make a decision and make sure the sign doesn't obstruct the public's river view. They will schedule a work session for next Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1 p.m. and go over to the park.

Mr. Dave Morgan, a trustee for Gallipolis Township, also requested the privilege of the floor to discuss the possible paving of Burkhart Lane. He has received several calls and comments on the condition of the road. The Township has obtained an estimate from The Shelly Company that will be approximately \$75,000. Mr. Morgan isn't sure of what portion of the road belongs to the City and what belongs to the Township. He is present tonight to request that the City contribute approximately \$15-20,000 since the City owns a portion of the road. The City Manager said that it is his understanding that the City owns the road between the culvert and the end of the lane that ends at State Route 588. Mr. Jenkins stated that the culvert issue has to be fixed before paving and that the road is 50% Township and 50% City. Mr. Saunders said that the City has been getting calls concerning the road and he drove it and it is in awful shape. Mr. Frazee stated that we need to enforce no big trucks on that road. Mr. Saunders said that it sounds like a win if we can figure out the culvert issue. The City Manager and City Commission will go look at it also next Tuesday and discuss it and get back to him.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- The next round for the announcement of the Appalachia Community Grant has been delayed until May 6<sup>th</sup>. We are still hopeful that we can get some funding.
- He attended the recount for the municipal income tax police levy and the votes remained tied. A special election in August is not possible as they are now only allowed for fiscal emergencies. If we want the tax levy put on the fall ballot, the deadline to file is August 7<sup>th</sup>. There will only be a primary next spring if there are more than six City Commissioner candidates since it would be the only thing on the ballot. If there are six or fewer, we will have to wait until the fall of 2025 for the next opportunity.

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

- \$20,000.00 from the Treasurer State of Ohio for the water line replacement review. Inv: 3/11/24. PO: 3/27/24.
- \$3,095.28 from Allcom for website maintenance and support. Inv: 4/3/24. PO: 4/8/24.
- \$29,141.25 from Rumpke for refuse pickup. Inv: 3/18/24. PO: 4/8/24.

Dr. Thomas 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 March 2024 financial statement for approval. Mr. Frazee made a motion to approve the March financial statement, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

The commission was provided a detailed list of donations for the months of January 2024 in the amount of \$6,285.93, February 2024 in the amount of \$550.00, and March 2024 in the amount of \$100.00. All of these donations were to Gallipolis in Lights. Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the donations, seconded by Dr. Thomas. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.


There was presented and read to the Commission as a second reading Resolution No. R2024-05 entitled **ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION**. Mr. Frazee made a motion to adopt the resolution on the second reading, seconded by Mr. Brown. The City Manager said he hopes to have an Arbor Day planting on Arbor day which is April 26, 2024 and will keep them informed. Upon roll call to adopt the resolution on the second reading, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission as a second reading Ordinance No. O2024-09 entitled **AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND REJECTING BIDS FOR ASPHALT, LIMESTONE, AND BEDDING SAND**. 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 the second reading, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission as a second reading Ordinance No. O2024-10 entitled **AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND REJECTING BIDS FOR CHEMICALS AND QUICKLIME**. Mr. Frazee 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 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