

April 23, 2024

The Gallipolis City Commission met in a special session on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at 1:00 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. Mr. Fulks asked for a moment of silence in memory of City Manager Dow Saunders.

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:

Shelly L. Clonch, City Auditor
Chad Vaughn, River Cities News
Ronnie Lynch Keith Elliott Joy Elliott
Jeff Boyer Bryna Butler Marvin Ours
Brian Lane Lorna Hart

President Fulks stated on behalf of the commission they extend their condolences to the family of friends of Dow and he will be greatly missed by them and the citizens of Gallipolis. He truly had Gallipolis in his heart.

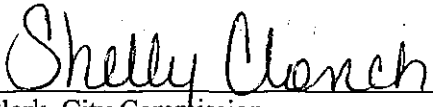
The privilege of the floor was granted to Ms. Bryna Butler to continue the discussion on the Lafayette sign from the last meeting. She had spoken with the City Manager and understood that the commission went and looked at the proposed location. He had mentioned to her there was a question on the photo that would appear on the sign. Ms. Butler informed the commission that this was the one that Lafayette had printed and passed out when he was here in Gallipolis. As discussed at the last meeting, the proposed location of the sign is the riverfront side beside the long rock that has the Lafayette plaque. The sign will be double-sided and placed perpendicular to the road so as not to obstruct the river view. Dr. Thomas asked if she had discussed any alternative locations with the City Manager. She stated the Second Avenue side of inside the City Park and down by the ramp to the river was mentioned. Mr. Brown stated that the first site proposed on the riverfront side by the rock was the most logical place for the sign with Mr. Frazee asking for and receiving clarification on that location. Mr. Brown made a motion for the Lafayette 200th anniversary marker to be placed in the spot proposed by Ms. Butler being the riverfront side next to the long rock and placed perpendicular to the road, seconded by Dr. Thomas. Other locations were also discussed but Ms. Butler needed an exact location decision as the GPS coordinates had to be included in the application. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes. Ms. Butler concluded that the sign would be here in about a year and at that time they could discuss who would install the sign.

Mr. Brown made a motion to enter an executive session to discuss personnel concerning the appointment of an interim City Manager to continue the daily operations of the City, seconded by Mr. Frazee. Upon roll call to enter executive session, all votes were yes.

Mr. Fulks resumed the meeting back to order upon return from the executive session.

Mr. Jenkins made a motion to appoint Mr. John Westfall as acting City Manager, seconded by Dr. Thomas. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

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



Clerk, City Commission



President, City Commission