

May 7, 2024

The Gallipolis City Commission met in a regular session on Tuesday, May 7, 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:

John Westfall, Acting City Manager  
Shelly L. Clonch, City Auditor  
Andrew Noe, City Solicitor  
Ronnie Lynch      Joy Elliott      Keith Elliott  
Star Pullins      Marvin Pullins      Bill Mangus  
Lester Plymale      Greg Hall      Anna Craft  
Jonathan Elliott      Randy Breech

The commission received the minutes of April 16 & 23, 2024, prior to this meeting. Mr. Jenkins made a motion to approve the April 16<sup>th</sup> and April 23<sup>rd</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 Mr. Marvin Pullins who is part of the Veteran Banner Project. They have been looking at their numbers since the last time the banners were displayed and currently have 86 poles to hang banners on and 105 banners. He spoke with Mr. Bostic and Mr. Bush about hanging a banner on each side of the pole along First Avenue between Court Street and State Street so that all banners can be included and these poles are in the best shape. The project would provide the brackets which also can be used by other organizations when the Veteran banners aren't hanging. The Commission agreed for the banners to be hung on both sides of the poles on First Avenue and advised Mr. Pullins to get with the City Manager to proceed. Ms. Star Pullins mentioned that when the City workers hung the banners for Vietnam Veterans Day, she was driving by and noticed that they saluted everyone they hung and it was heartwarming and a blessing.

The Acting City Manager reported on the following:

- The Governor announced that the City will receive 9 million dollars through the Appalachia Community Grant for riverfront improvements. This is a 100% grant and a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. A proposed design was passed around for all in attendance to view. He said our next step would be to enter into a grant agreement, sign the contract, and meet with the engineer on detailed design plans. Mr. Fulks said he got to meet with the governor and we did well for our area. Dow Saunders put a lot of work into the grant application and was recognized by one of the Governor's representatives as being very instrumental in getting this for Gallipolis.
- In the Commission work session this week, the purchase of fire trucks was discussed and there is an ordinance on the agenda tonight to proceed with the purchase.
- We entered into an agreement with the County and Gallipolis Township for repairs to Burkhart Lane through OPWC emergency funds. The County will also help us to seek money to repair the culvert.
- Events for this Saturday at the park include a bass tournament, a 5K run, and a boot drive.

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

- \$5,000.00 from Dinsmore & Shohl for the bond council for the pool. Inv: 4/22/24. PO: 4/24/24.

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

The Auditor also presented the April 2024 financial statement for approval. Mr. Frazee made a motion to approve the April financial statement, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

Ms. Clonch reported that we received our 1<sup>st</sup> half tax settlement that included the new fire levy. A breakdown of the payment was included in their packets.

The appropriation ordinance on the agenda tonight had some additions before the meeting that include \$69,000 to the Water Replacement & Improvement for the installation of a water meter at Holzer Hospital, \$71,000 to the Fire Levy for a chassis & HVAC unit, and \$10,000 to M & R Streets for a grant match.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency Ordinance No. O2024-11 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O2024-04, SETTING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024.** The Acting City Manager requested in writing the passage of the ordinance as an emergency measure. Dr. Thomas made a motion to amend the ordinance to include the changes of \$69,000 to Water Replacement & Improvement, \$71,000 to Fire Levy, and \$10,000 to M & R Streets and 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.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency Ordinance No. O2024-12 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O2024-05, AUTHORIZING THE CITY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER OR ADVANCE FUNDS.** The Acting City Manager requested in writing the passage of the ordinance as an emergency measure. Mr. Frazee made a motion to adopt the ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon roll call to adopt the ordinance as an emergency, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission as a first reading Ordinance No. O2024-13 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN DOCUMENTATION FOR PURCHASE OF FIRE ENGINE.** Dr. Thomas made a motion to place the ordinance on the first reading, seconded by Mr. Frazee. Mr. Frazee stated that this is a must for our city and will keep lower home insurance rates for our residents with our ISO rating which is currently at a 4. Fire Chief Keith Elliott said he appreciates the support of the Commission, the late City Manager Dow Saunders, and the citizens of Gallipolis. Upon voice vote to place the ordinance on the first reading, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission as a first reading Ordinance No. O2024-14 entitled **AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FOR WATER METER REPLACEMENT PROJECT AT HOLZER HOSPITAL.** Mr. Frazee made a motion to place the ordinance on the first reading, seconded by Dr. Thomas. Upon voice vote to place the ordinance on the first reading, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency Ordinance No. O2024-15 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH GALLIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND GALLIPOLIS TOWNSHIP TO SUBMIT AN OPWC EMERGENCY GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION.** The Acting City Manager requested in writing the passage of the ordinance as an emergency measure. Mr. Frazee made a motion to adopt the ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon roll call to adopt the ordinance as an emergency, 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