

August 20, 2024

The Gallipolis City Commission met in a special session on Tuesday, August 20, 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
R. William "Bill" Jenkins, Member

Others attending were:

John Westfall, City Manager
Shelly L. Clonch, City Auditor
Chad Vaughn, River Cities News
Ronnie Lynch Marvin Ours Randy Breech

Mr. Fulks stated that due to a lack of a quorum, there would be no City business conducted tonight.

The City Manager reported on the following:

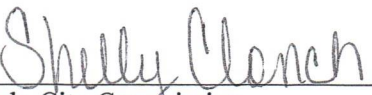
- The Belmont sanitary sewer project is underway and Southern Ohio Trenching is here and will be installing three manholes, inspecting the sewer, and separating the stormwater from the system.
- We have received the pool filters and renovations and repairs are starting. Buckeye Aquatics was here today laying out the project and hopes to have it completed in ten days to two weeks.
- The water meter replacement project is complete replacing 528 meters. He will be looking for grant funds to supply the rest of the meters we need for replacement.
- Blue Fountain lift station renovations will begin after Labor Day.
- We are still gathering quotes for the splash pad and pickleball court we were awarded grants for in the amount of \$100,000 for each project. For the City portion of the project, we are looking at a Tmobile grant. We are also applying for an ODNR grant for some picnic tables.

The City Auditor reported that she is working with SOPEC and ChargePoint on the cost of the electric charging stations. She has sent them copies of the electric bills and revenue received showing the loss we are taking on the stations. SOPEC is talking with AEP on the tariff and possibly funding back for our losses and ChargePoint is reviewing our reports to guide us in what the charging station's rate should be so that we are not going in the hole.

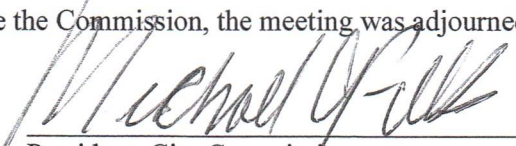
Ms. Clonch informed the Commissioners that there is a stipulation for our water supply revolving loan account for PFAS and water line replacement. It is a requirement that 50% or 3/5 of the commission complete RCAP training courses before the loan award. She will forward them the link to complete the training.

Mr. Randy Breech expressed concerns about grant funds that were promised throughout Gallia County from the state that were drastically reduced or not awarded at all such as the Senior Citizen Center and the Railroad Museum. He said it seems all of the funding is being taken away from Gallia and awarded to the bigger cities up north. Mr. Breech suggested forming a planning committee, along with our State Senator, to discuss the problems of the funding issues. He will let the Commission know when a meeting is set up so that the City can send a representative.

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



Clerk, City Commission



President, City Commission