

April 1, 2025

The Gallipolis City Commission met in a regular session on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. at the Gallipolis Municipal Building, 333 Third Avenue, having complied with Section 9 of the City Charter.

City Commission Vice-President Dr. William "Bill" Thomas called the meeting to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence to remember those facing difficulties and those no longer with us.

Upon roll call, the following members were present:

William "Bill" Thomas, Vice-President
William "Bill" Jenkins, Member
W. Matthew Johnson, Member

Others attending were:

John Westfall, City Manager			
Shelly Clonch, City Auditor			
Andrew Noe, City Solicitor			
Chad Vaughn, River Cities News			
Ronnie Lynch	Karen Sprague	Keith Elliott	Joe Elliott
Dave Snyder	Helenlu Morgan	David Morgan	Jeff Boyer
Mike Carter	Betty Carter		

The commission received the minutes from March 12th and March 18th before this meeting. Mr. Jenkins made a motion to approve the March 12th and March 18th minutes, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Upon voice vote, all votes were yes.

The privilege of the floor was granted to Ms. Karen Sprague with the Gallia County Commissioner's Office to discuss the upcoming Burkhart Lane culvert and slip repair project. Ms. Sprague passed out proposed plans for the City to review with a cost estimate of \$972,550 that is covered 100% by grant funding. The environmental review has been completed and is now ready to put out for bid. Mr. Jenkins asked if the culverts would be lined with concrete. Ms. Sprague said they can be concrete-lined or with a plastic that expands to fit, and as of now, it will be advertised as concrete. They will be cleaning them out and repairing the headwall before lining them. The culverts are 100% within the City limits. The slip was caused by the water from the ditch on the uphill side that ran under the road. The project will redo the ditch in concrete to keep the water from getting under the road bed and prevent erosion. That section will also be repaved, and depending on how much the bids come in for, they may be able to pave the whole road. Mr. Mike Carter asked if this project was to replace or repair the culverts because he doesn't think the culverts that are there now are big enough. Ms. Sprague replied that this is a repair because they have to protect what is there, and a full replacement would most likely cost a few million dollars. Hopefully, the engineer can get the project advertised this month for three weeks and set up a pre-bid meeting, with bids opened in May. She stated that she thought it would be best to start construction on the project after school is out to avoid major traffic issues. The Commission thanked Ms. Sprague for the update tonight and her work on the project.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- The Maintenance Department has been busy with spring being here doing painting, getting mowers and weed eaters ready, and working on the parks.
- The Ohio EPA loan for the Water Line Replacement project requires legislation that needs passed as an emergency. A meeting has been tentatively scheduled for April 7th if all Commissioners are available.

- Mr. Breech gave a briefing on the Train Museum. They are committed to getting bid documents out by this summer for their 2022 grant, and their 2024 1.27 million dollar grant application is currently being reviewed. He is guessing it is a positive review, as they have been sending him pictures of passenger cars that are available.
- He received some proposals for another water meter project and will be putting information together for a possible OPWC grant. This would be to replace another 1,000 meters.
- The City currently has \$130,000 obligated through a grant and the general fund for the installation of a splashpad. We are still looking for donations to make it a little bigger and nicer. It could take 26 weeks to get parts after they are ordered.
- The small boat docks are being installed, and the large docks will not be put in this year due to the upcoming riverfront project.
- We are currently looking for seasonal workers for the swimming pool. The company that installed the new equipment will be coming in to get the pool up and running, and he hopes to have a successful year.
- The traffic lights at the Ohio River Plaza are being repaired with a new radar system to keep traffic moving.


There was presented and read to the Commission as a second reading of Ordinance No. O2025-15 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 712 "MOBILE FOOD VENDING" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO**. Mr. Johnson made a motion to adopt the ordinance on the second reading, seconded by Mr. Jenkins. Upon roll call to adopt the ordinance on the second reading, all votes were yes.

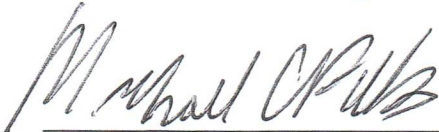
There was presented and read to the Commission as a first reading Ordinance No. O2025-16 entitled **AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND REJECTING BIDS FOR ASPHALT, LIMESTONE, AND BEDDING SAND**. Mr. Jenkins made a motion to place the ordinance on the first reading, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Upon voice vote to 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. O2025-17 entitled **AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND REJECTING BIDS FOR CHEMICALS AND QUICKLIME**. Mr. Johnson made a motion to place the ordinance on the first reading, seconded by Mr. Jenkins. Upon voice vote to place the ordinance on the first reading, all votes were yes.

Ms. Clonch stated that Mr. Larry Taylor with Trebel Energy sent an email requesting that the gas aggregation addendum agreement he left at the last meeting be signed tonight and returned to him tomorrow. Mr. Jenkins asked what the addendum was for, and Ms. Clonch said that it would guarantee 2% savings and authorize Trebel Energy to execute any contracts on our behalf when the market is stable and the rates drop. He was not in favor of them executing a contract without the City knowing what is in it. The previous rate they locked us in at was not very good, and a lot of residents went off of the program. The Commission decided to put this on hold until further study.

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


Clerk, City Commission


President, City Commission