

April 15, 2025

The Gallipolis City Commission met in a special session on Tuesday, April 15, 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 President Mr. Michael Fulks called the meeting to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence to remember those affected by the recent storms.

Upon roll call, the following members were present:

Michael C. Fulks, President
William "Bill" Thomas, Vice-President
Michael W. Brown, Member
R. William "Bill" Jenkins, Member

Others attending were:

John Westfall, City Manager
Shelly Clonch, City Auditor
Ronnie Lynch Jeff Boyer Keith Elliott Joe Elliott
Mike Carter Betty Jo Carter Jonathan Elliott Randy Breech
Martha Roderick

The commission received the minutes from April 1st and April 10th before this meeting. Mr. Jenkins made a motion to approve the April 1st and April 10th minutes, seconded by Dr. Thomas. Upon voice vote, all votes were yes.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- Announced and read a retirement letter from Mr. Jeff Boyer as the Chief of Police, effective April 30, 2025. Mr. Boyer expressed his gratitude for serving the City for 33 years and appreciated all of the support he has been given. The Commission wished him the best.
- Included in the Commission packet was a picture of the new mini rescue truck purchased by the Fire Department with fire levy funds passed by City residents. Fire Chief Keith Elliott brought the truck down tonight for anyone who wishes to look at it after the meeting. Mr. Elliott stated that as soon as they get all of the equipment for it, they will put it into service. City residents have enabled this purchase with the passage of the last fire levy. The average age of the City's current engines is 24 years old. The department currently has 4 engines, and this will make number 5 and will help to maintain the department's ISO rating of 4, which helps lower homeowners' insurance. The department is getting ready to station a truck in Green Township, which will extend that ISO rating.
- There was a widespread outage today for AT&T cell phone service. Ms. Vilfer in our purchasing department was able to get AT&T to bring in a deployable tower so that first responders on FirstNet would have access to service.
- Last night's storm caused some lift stations to go down and some power surges. Everything is back and running now.
- Ohio Rural Water was here and will be working on a water rate study for us to see where we are with our rates.
- The contractor installing the pickleball courts hopes to start pouring concrete tomorrow.

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

- \$317,043.00 from Alexis Fire Equipment for pumper truck. Inv: 3/4/25. PO: 3/26/25.
- \$22,240.00 from Arcadis for engineering services on water line project. Inv: 12/13/24. PO: 3/26/25.
- \$15,000.00 from Perry & Associates for the 24 audit compilation report. Inv: 3/4/25. PO: 3/26/25.
- \$42,960.00 from Greve Chrysler Jeep Dodge for a 2025 Durango. Inv: 11/20/24. PO: 12/5/24.
- \$10,245.25 from Allcom for email hosting & account renewal. Inv: 2/20/25. PO: 3/26/25.
- \$32,123.39 from Electronic Services for Marcs radions. Inv: 3/10/25. PO: 3/26/25.
- \$30,160.86 from Rumpke for refuse collection. Inv: 3/14/25. PO: 4/3/25.
- \$10,460.36 from Citco Water for water maintenance parts. Inv: 3/25/25. PO: 3/26/25.

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

The March financial statement was included in the Commission packets, and the City Auditor asked for a motion to approve it. Mr. Jenkins made a motion to approve the March financial statement, seconded by Dr. Thomas. Upon voice vote, all votes were yes.

Ms. Clonch presented donations to the Commission for the months of January 2025 for \$3,324.00, February 2025 for \$4,532.49, and March 2025 for \$25.00. These donations were all for Gallipolis in Lights, except one for \$50.00 for a memorial brick in the City Park. Mr. Brown made a motion to accept the donations, seconded by Mr. Jenkins. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

The Auditor received a liquor license change of stock ownership for El Toril Inc., located at 1510 Eastern Avenue, Gallipolis. The Chief of Police had no issue with this change. Dr. Thomas made a motion to not request a hearing, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

Mr. Jenkins emphasized that the fire levy passed by City residents should be saving them more on their home insurance than what the taxes are on the levy. He also stated that he was aware that the State passed a bill allowing virtual meetings. This bill does not apply to the City because we are chartered.

Ms. Martha Roderick spoke concerning the riverfront project and said that she just wants the parkfront to be beautiful, but she did not really understand the design drawings. Mr. Fulks offered to go over the design plan with her after the meeting and she appreciated that offer.

There was presented and read to the Commission as a second reading Ordinance No. O2025-16 entitled **AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND REJECTING BIDS FOR ASPHALT, LIMESTONE, AND BEDDING SAND**. Mr. Jenkins 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 was presented and read to the Commission as a second reading Ordinance No. O2025-17 entitled **AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND REJECTING BIDS FOR CHEMICALS AND QUICKLIME**. Dr. Thomas 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.


Clerk, City Commission


President, City Commission