

June 3, 2025

The Gallipolis City Commission met in a regular session on Tuesday, June 3, 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.

Upon roll call, the following members were present:

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

Others attending were:

John Westfall, City Manager
Shelly Clonch, City Auditor
Ronnie Lynch Justin Rice Keith Elliott Joy Elliott
Mike Carter Dennis Kirby Randy Breech

The commission received the minutes from May 20th before this meeting. Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the May 20th minutes, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon voice vote, all votes were yes.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- There was a great turnout for the bicentennial celebration of Lafayette's visit to Gallipolis. The Governor was in attendance, and it was the largest crowd for this particular reenactment.
- The City Pool is up and running. They have had pretty good attendance, and it should pick up as it gets warmer.
- The Burkhardt Lane culvert and slip repair project, which is being undertaken together with the County, City, and Township, will start later this month.
- First Friday will begin this Friday, the 6th, and he expects a large crowd. The gospel sings have also started at the City Park on Fridays.
- The contractor is about to apply the acrylic on the pickleball courts and has submitted a change order for stone compaction, topsoil, and a gate totaling \$5,342.78. The City Manager would like approval from the Commission for the change order, and he stated that funds have been appropriated to cover the change. Mr. Johnson made a motion to accept the pickleball court change order, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

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

- \$10,000.00 from Gallia County Land Reutilization for purchase of properties on Chillicothe Road. Inv: 5/19/25. PO: 5/21/25.
- \$85,491.30 from U S Bank for a loan payment on City buildings. Inv: 5/18/25. PO: 5/29/25.

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

Ms. Clonch explained to the Commission the following changes to the appropriations and transfers ordinances that they will be voting on this evening:

- *General Fund - + \$44,000.00 for tax refunds, repairs to City buildings, and transfer to the pool.
- *CCA 2.0 Grant - + \$15,000.00 for grant supplies.
- *Water Fund - + \$41,151.00 for a generator and well abandonment paid through EPA grants.
- *City Pool - + \$15,000.00 for operational supplies.
- *Water Replacement & Improvement - + \$13,175.00 for copper & lead software annual fee.

Mr. Brown inquired if there had been any update on fixing the digital sign in the park. The City Manager replied that he hasn't found the same size of sign yet to replace the old one. The enclosure for the sign would most likely cost more than the sign itself. He is continuing to explore replacement options.

Dr. Thomas stated that anyone who didn't make it to the Lafayette reenactment missed out because it was excellently done. He commended Ms. Bryna Butler and Ms. Lorna Hart, who were outstanding as co-chairs of the bicentennial celebration committee, and a proclamation will be presented to them at the next meeting.

There was presented and read to the Commission as a second reading Ordinance No. O2025-20 entitled **AN ORDINANCE DIRECTING THE GALLIA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO PLACE ON THE BALLOT FOR NOVEMBER 04, 2025, THE ISSUE OF A .5% LEVY ON INCOME FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE STREETS, POLICE, AND CEMETERY DEPARTMENTS OPERATIONS FOR THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO.** Mr. Johnson made a motion to adopt the ordinance on the second reading. The motion died due to a lack of a second.

There was presented and read to the Commission as a first reading Ordinance No. O2025-21 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O2025-09, SETTING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS OHIO DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025.** Mr. Johnson made a motion to place the ordinance on the first reading, seconded by Mr. Brown. 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. O2025-22 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O2025-10, AUTHORIZING THE CITY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER OR ADVANCE FUNDS.** Mr. Johnson made a motion to place the ordinance on the first reading, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon voice vote to place the ordinance on the first 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