

July 1, 2025

The Gallipolis City Commission met in a regular session on Tuesday, July 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 President Mr. Michael Fulks called the meeting to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and 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
R. William "Bill" Jenkins, Member

Others attending were:

John Westfall, City Manager			
Shelly Clonch, City Auditor			
Andrew Noe, City Solicitor			
Chad Vaughn, River Cities News			
Ronnie Lynch	Justin Rice	Keith Elliott	Joy Elliott
Mike Carter	Betty Jo Carter	Lester Plymale	Molly Plymale
Marvin Ours			

The commission received the minutes from June 17th before this meeting. Dr. Thomas made a motion to approve the June 17th minutes, seconded by Mr. Jenkins. Upon voice vote, all votes were yes.

Mr. Lester Plymale requested the privilege of the floor to ask the Commission to consider putting pressure on the Boat Club to cut their grass that adjoins his property. He stated that the grass is over his head, and he has trapped many groundhogs, raccoons, and squirrels from that area. Mr. Fulks said he spoke with Code Enforcement, and the Boat Club plans to spray the fence line with vegetation killer after the 4th of July holiday.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- We have been preparing for the River Recreation Festival. The fireworks will be set off from the riverbank and will need a 200-foot clearance. The area will be fenced off, and the Fire Department will be on site.
- Since the Cemetery Sexton has retired, we are asking all of the funeral homes or anyone needing services to contact the office during our regular business hours from 7:30 to 3:30 to eliminate after-hours calls.
- The Army Corps of Engineers is working on permitting for the Riverfront project and construction will begin as soon as permits are obtained.
- Spectrum will begin installing broadband fiber lines through town as part of a federal grant. Most of the installation will be aerial, with a few underground and will be completed by December 1st.
- The water line replacement project is set to begin this month as they are getting materials delivered and mobilized.
- Construction on the Burkhart Lane project will begin July 14th. It will take approximately 30 days for the slip repair and sixty days for the culvert lining. Crews will try to keep road closures to a minimum.

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

- \$4,739.75 from AEP for electric service for street lights. Inv: 5/30/25. PO: 6/6/25.
- \$3,232.56 from Consolidated Pipe for water and sewer parts. Inv: 6/13/25. PO: 6/16/25.

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

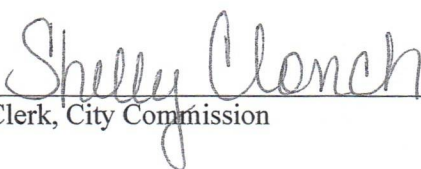
Ms. Clonch said that the State Auditors have finally completed the 2022-2023 audit, and their final report will be available for review on July 10th.

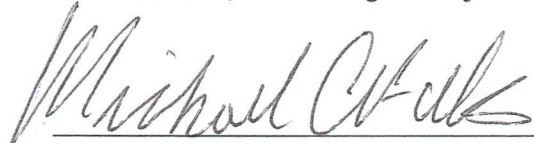
The City Solicitor received a letter from David Evans office concerning a small piece of property located at the corner of the road by the library. This property is owned by the Park District, who would like to turn it over to the library, but according to Ohio Revised Code, it must be offered to the City to purchase first. Seeing that the City has no interest or benefit in this property, we would need to send a letter to the Park District to decline the purchase. Mr. Jenkins made a motion to decline the purchase of the property owned by the Park District, seconded by Dr. Thomas. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission as a second reading, Ordinance No. O2025-23 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.** Dr. Thomas made a motion to amend the ordinance to read "for the purpose of Streets Paving and the Police and Cemetery Departments", seconded by Mr. Jenkins. Upon roll call to amend the ordinance, Dr. Thomas, Mr. Jenkins, and Mr. Fulks voted yes, and Mr. Brown voted no. Dr. Thomas made a motion to adopt the amended ordinance on the second reading, seconded by Mr. Jenkins. Upon roll call to adopt the amended ordinance, Dr. Thomas, Mr. Jenkins, and Mr. Fulks voted yes, and Mr. Brown voted no.

There was presented and read to the Commission as a first reading, Ordinance No. O2025-24 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING UNDER THE VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT AND STATE VICTIMS ASSISTANCE ACT AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT IF THE GRANT IS AWARDED.** Dr. Thomas 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