

November 4, 2025

The Gallipolis City Commission met in a regular session on Tuesday, November 4, 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
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 Keith Elliott Joy Elliott Justin Rice
Marvin Ours

The commission received the minutes from October 21st before this meeting. Mr. Jenkins made a motion to approve the October 21st minutes, seconded by Dr. Thomas. Upon voice vote to approve the minutes, all votes were yes.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- Beams and stone continue to be delivered to the riverfront, and we are still waiting on a letter from the Army Corps of Engineers to begin construction.
- The Shelly Company will begin milling streets tomorrow through Friday, and paving will begin next week.
- Provided the Commission with a picture of the splashpad they are looking at. We will still be around \$35,000 short and hope to secure more in donations.
- Mr. Bostic is working with the landbank on a solution for the house we acquired on Portsmouth Road. There are talks on the table for the landbank to demo and rebuild through a grant. This will be a good opportunity to get an old home torn down and a new one built in its place.
- The resurfacing of the basketball court had some delays, but it will hopefully be done by the end of the week.
- The water line replacement project is moving along and is up to Spruce Street right now. We just have to be patient on the streets being blocked off while they are working. Hopefully, they will have all of the work in town done in the next month or two. Dr. Thomas asked if they were going to preserve the railroad ties on Spruce Street, and Mr. Westfall will check with them if they can go underneath.
- Had a meeting with ODOT, Mr. Randy Breech, and Mr. Jerry Davis concerning the Gallipolis Railroad Freight Station Museum grant. They plan to get the project bid out this month.

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

- \$28,000.00 from Robert & Jody Brannen for fire loss recovery. Inv: 10/22/25. PO: 10/23/25.
- \$44,091.34 from PEP Insurance for property/liability insurance. Inv: 10/1/25. PO: 10/23/25.

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 informed the Commission that the Water Plant was in an emergency need of \$42,705.00 for a sludge pump. Since this was not put into their budget, she will need to use their capital expense fund that was originally appropriated for a slaker. We applied for a grant for the slaker and are still waiting to hear if the grant will be awarded.

The City Solicitor stated that he was working on the application for the DORA as discussed at the last meeting, and will have it ready for the next meeting.

There was presented and read to the Commission as a second reading, Resolution No. R2025-10 entitled **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR ACCEPT AND ENTER INTO AN ES-SDC GRANT AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS FOR DESIGN OF THE PFAS FILTER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**. Mr. Johnson made a motion to adopt the resolution on the second reading, seconded by Dr. Thomas. Upon roll call to adopt the resolution on the second reading, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission as a first reading, Ordinance No. O2025-34 entitled **AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND REJECTING BIDS FOR HIGHWAY DE-ICING, CALCIUM CHLORIDE AND COLD MIX**. Mr. Brown 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.

There was presented and read to the Commission as a first reading, Ordinance No. O2025-35 entitled **AN ORDINANCE SETTING TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026**. Dr. Thomas 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 being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.



Clerk, City Commission



President, City Commission