

January 6, 2026

The Gallipolis City Commission met in a regular session on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, 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.

Upon roll call, the following members were present:

Michael C. Fulks, President
William "Bill" Thomas, Vice-President
Michael W. Brown, Member
Michael D. Carter, Member
Dennis L. Kirby, Member

Others attending were:

John Westfall, City Manager
Shelly Clonch, City Auditor
Andrew Noe, City Solicitor
Chad Vaughn, River Cities News

Ronnie Lynch	Jeff Smith	Marsha Smith	Jay Brown
Martha Brown	Keith Elliott	Joy Elliott	John Jones
Judy Jones	Ben Polley	Beau Miller	Diana Love
Matt Evans	Anita Evans	Rick McDaniel	Brenda McDaniel
Don Pullins	Loretta Pullins	Taylor McManigell	David Brown
George Wasch	Jim Sisson	Betty Jo Carter	Philip Walker
Gene Huffman	Jay Jarvis	Matt Johnson	Aaron Young
Jodie Penrod	Shelley Brown	Greg Hall	Justin Rice
Jozie Roberts	Rick Roberts	Randy Breech	Penny Ratliff

Mr. Fulks stated that the order of the meeting will be changed tonight, and they will go straight to the Ordinances first.

There was presented and read to the Commission an ordinance that was tabled on second reading, being Ordinance No. O2025-37 entitled **AN ORDINANCE CREATING A DESIGNATED OUTDOOR REFRESHMENT AREA (DORA) AND ESTABLISHING SAFETY AND SANITATION PLANS**. Mr. Carter made a motion to remove the ordinance from the table, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon roll call to remove the ordinance from the table, all votes were yes. Upon the ordinance being removed from the table, the ordinance failed due to a lack of a motion to pass on second reading.

The commission received the minutes from December 16th before this meeting. Dr. Thomas made a motion to approve the December 16th minutes, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon voice vote to approve the minutes, all votes were yes.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- Starting to prepare the 2026 budget with the Auditor, meet with department supervisors, and follow up with budget sessions with the Commission.
- We have applied for a grant for a slaker from OPWC and also some ARC funds for a \$700,000 piece of equipment at the Water Plant.
- Finishing up Fourth Avenue on the water line project and working on State Route 7 South and State Route 7 North. Once all of these areas are complete, they will start out on State Route 35 towards the hospital.

- The Riverfront project is moving along fast and will soon begin work on the bank, followed by electrical upgrades.
- One of the entrance signs coming into town was hit by a vehicle last year, and we have a company in the process of refurbishing it. They are about 65% complete, and the City will have no cost as it's covered by insurance.

Mr. Carter stated that he noticed on the Burkhart Lane project that a change order was put in, and it will not be complete until June. Mr. Westfall said that they did add some extra work, such as striping and things of that nature. They have completed everything in the original contract, and this is just add-ons.

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

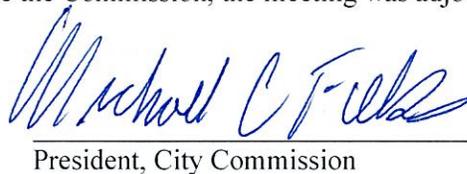
- \$3,372.00 from Consolidated Pipe & Supply for brass couplings. Inv: 11/10/25. PO: 11/24/25.
- \$32,546.79 from Rumpke for trash collection. Inv: 11/19/25. PO: 12/8/25.
- \$587,706.02 from CJ Hughes Construction for the water line project. Inv: 11/13/25. PO: 12/26/25
- \$26,843.81 from Arcadis for engineering- water line project. Inv: 11/10/25. PO: 12/26/25.

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

Ms. Clonch stated that the Aid to Firefighters Dependents Fund Board needs two appointments effective January 1st for a two-year term. Mr. Fulks, who previously was on the board, offered to be re-appointed to the board, and Mr. Carter said he would take the other appointment. Ms. Clonch also asked Mr. Brown if he would like to renew his appointment to the Aerial Theatre Board and asked Dr. Thomas if he wanted to renew his appointment on the Our House and Gallipolis In Bloom Committees. Both Commissioners agreed to renew their appointments. Mr. Brown made a motion to approve all of the above board appointments, seconded by Dr. Thomas. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

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


Clerk, City Commission


President, City Commission