

December 2, 2025

The Gallipolis City Commission met in a regular session on Tuesday, December 2, 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. He asked for a moment of silence to remember the two West Virginia National Guard members, Sarah Beckstrom and Andrew Wolfe, who were shot this week in our nation's capital.

Upon roll call, the following members were present:

Michael C. Fulks, President
William "Bill" Thomas, Vice-President
Michael W. Brown, 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
Dennis Kirby Mike Carter Randy Breech

The commission received the minutes from November 18th before this meeting. Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the November 18th minutes, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon voice vote to approve the minutes, all votes were yes.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- Gallipolis in Lights took off in full swing and had great attendance at the lighting. He reminded everyone to watch for changes in the traffic pattern and for pedestrians. Mr. Westfall thanked Gallipolis in Lights for all the volunteer work they do. He asked that vendors be mindful of the noise from generators.
- Mailers will be going out for the second year for lead and copper to identify water lines on the City and customer side. This is a mandate by the Ohio EPA.
- The Riverfront project is moving along and making a lot of progress.
- The water line replacement project crews have slowed down and are still over on 4th Avenue. He will be meeting with the contractor for updates and to go over their schedule.
- Maintenance will be picking up leaves until the end of December.
- Included in the Commission packet is a handout of upcoming projects.
- The traffic light controller at 2nd Avenue and Olive Street was hit and damaged by a vehicle. He is getting a price on the repairs.

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

- \$185,100.20 from C J Hughes for the water line replacement project. Inv: 10/3/25. PO: 11/18/25.
- \$31,479.41 from Arcadis for engineering-water line project. Inv: 9/3/25. PO: 11/24/25.
- \$31,920.41 from Arcadis for engineering-water line project. Inv: 6/22/24. PO: 11/24/25
- \$36,813.83 from Arcadis for engineering- water line project. Inv: 10/7/25. PO: 11/24/25.
- \$6,400.00 from Bridgeport for boom lift rental for Gallipolis in Lights. Inv: 10/9/25. PO: 11/24/25.
- \$3,100.00 from Cellebrite Inc for annual maintenance fee. Inv: 11/13/25. PO: 11/25/25.
- \$4,386.72 from Treasurer, State of Ohio, for water license to operate. Inv: 11/4/25. PO: 11/25/25.
- \$85,491.30 from U S Bank for loan payment on buildings. Inv: 11/16/25. PO: 11/24/25.

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

Mr. Fulks thanked the Gallipolis in Lights committee for all of their hard work and said they have outdone themselves once again. Dr. Thomas said he received positive comments on the firework display during the lighting.

There was presented and read to the Commission as a second reading, Resolution No. R2025-11 entitled **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT TEMPORARY AND PERPETUAL EASEMENTS FOR PURPOSES OF INGRESS AND EGRESS FOR WATER LINE REPLACEMENT FROM ANDREW LAWRENCE AND DAPHNE LAWRENCE.** Mr. Johnson made a motion to adopt the resolution on the second reading, seconded by Mr. Brown. 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 second reading, Resolution No. R2025-12 entitled **A RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SINKING FUND IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 29 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO.** Mr. Brown made a motion to adopt the resolution on the second reading, seconded by Mr. Johnson. 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, Resolution No. R2025-13 entitled **A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE APPRECIATION OF THE GALLIPOLIS CITY COMMISSION TO R. WILLIAM "BILL" JENKINS FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICES RENDERED AS A MEMBER OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO, AND EXTENDING THE BEST WISHES OF THE COMMUNITY TO HIM.** Dr. Thomas made a motion to place the resolution on the first reading, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Upon voice vote to place the resolution on the first reading, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission as a first reading, Resolution No. R2025-14 entitled **A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE APPRECIATION OF THE GALLIPOLIS CITY COMMISSION TO W. MATTHEW JOHNSON FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICES RENDERED AS A MEMBER OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO, AND EXTENDING THE BEST WISHES OF THE COMMUNITY TO HIM.** Mr. Brown made a motion to place the resolution on the first reading, seconded by Dr. Thomas. Upon voice vote to place the resolution on the first reading, Mr. Brown, Dr. Thomas, and Mr. Fulks voted yes, and Mr. Johnson abstained.

There was presented and read to the Commission as a first reading, Ordinance No. O2025-36 entitled **AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES BY ADOPTING CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES.** 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. O2025-37 entitled **AN ORDINANCE CREATING A DESIGNATED OUTDOOR REFRESHMENT AREA (DORA) AND ESTABLISHING SAFETY AND SANITATION PLANS.** Mr. Johnson made a motion to place the ordinance on the first reading, seconded by Dr. Thomas. Upon voice vote to place the ordinance on the first reading, Mr. Johnson, Dr. Thomas, and Mr. Fulks voted yes, and Mr. Brown voted no.

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


Clerk, City Commission


President, City Commission