

February 3, 2026

The Gallipolis City Commission met in a regular session on Tuesday, February 3, 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 C. Fulks called the meeting to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence to reflect.

Upon roll call, the following members were present:

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

Others attending were:

John Westfall, City Manager
Shelly Clonch, City Auditor
Andrew Noe, City Solicitor
Ronnie Lynch Betty Jo Carter Joy Elliott Keith Elliott
Randy Breech

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

The City Manager reported on the following:

- The Maintenance Department has been focused on the ice and snow storm this past week, working to clear the streets and sidewalks. The Water and Sewer crew has been having difficulties fixing leaks that are under the ice. He asked everyone to be patient with them, as crews are doing what they can.
- The water line replacement contractor, CJ Hughes, has not been able to work last week or this week due to the extreme cold temperatures. Allard, the contractor for the riverfront, also did not get to work last week but will be working this week and removing the sidewalk at the top of the bank.
- He and the Auditor have been working with department supervisors on their 2026 budget. The budget will be voted on first reading at the February 17th meeting.
- AEP will be refunding the City for overpayment on the electric charging stations due to the tariff on the account being removed when we switched all City accounts to the electric aggregation program. They have agreed to refund the City \$17,000, and the reduced tariff is now back in place on the station's account.

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

- \$3,315.00 from the Gallia County Sheriff for the housing of prisoners. Inv: 1/6/26. PO: 1/15/26.
- \$5,780.00 from Allcom for software support. Inv: 11/2/25. PO: 1/23/26.
- \$5,510.00 from Ohio BWC for 2025 tru-up. Inv: 1/21/26. PO: 1/28/26.
- \$19,749.16 from Ohio Valley Bank for fire station bond payment. Inv: 1/20/26. PO: 1/28/26.
- \$31,344.04 from Rumpke for refuse pickup. Inv: 12/16/25. PO: 1/8/26.

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

Ms. Clonch said the public hearing on the 2026 budget will be held at the next Commission meeting on February 17th.

Mr. Fulks and Mr. Carter asked the City Manager to pass along the Commission's appreciation to all the departments working out in the weather.

There was presented and read to the Commission as a second reading, Ordinance No. O2026-01 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH PERRY AND ASSOCIATES TO PREPARE THE CASH-BASIS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (GASB-35 LOOK-A-LIKE STATEMENTS) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025**. Mr. Carter made a motion to adopt the ordinance on the second reading, seconded by Mr. Kirby. Upon roll call to adopt the Ordinance on the second 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