

March 3, 2026

The Gallipolis City Commission met in a regular session on Tuesday, March 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.

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
Chad Vaughn, River Cities News
Ronnie Lynch Joy Elliott Keith Elliott Justin Rice
Jim Osborne Alvis Pollard Randy Breech

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

Mr. Jim Osborne, who attended and spoke at the previous Commission meeting concerning the conditions of Hedgewood Drive, asked if the road is not fixed correctly, then what will happen 50 years from now? He thanked the City for fixing some of the holes, but there are lots more just created. If this road is not fixed correctly, it will never get better. The City Manager stated that the emergency OPWC funding he applied for was denied, but they recommended applying for regular funding in the fall. In the meantime, we have applied for funding through congressional discretionary funds. Hopefully, in the summer, we can get a better patch on the road until we can get some funding. Mr. Osborne said he will be attending every Commission meeting to ensure that the repairs needed for Hedgewood are not forgotten. Mr. Alvis Pollard, also a Hedgewood Drive resident, asked that if the City does not get any grant funding, will the road ever get fixed? The Commission replied that the City does not have that kind of funds and the only thing we can do right now is patching that fixes it temporarily.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- He has applied for four more grants through Ohio Representative Dave Taylor's office. These are for the water line phase II, Water Plant improvements, Hedgewood Drive road repair, and water meter replacement.
- Starting to gear up for spring, ordering mowers and getting the pool ready.
- The generator at the Vine Street lift station needs a new transfer switch that will cost approximately \$13,000.
- More concrete is getting poured at the riverfront, and the contractor is pouring every day that he can. They have taken out the existing curb and are getting ready to replace it with new.
- On the water line replacement project, most of Upper Route 7 is done, and still working on Route 7 South and also Jackson Pike.

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

- \$9,910.00 from Henschen and Associates for court software. Inv: 1/28/26. PO: 2/19/26.
- \$31,321.92 from Rumpke for refuse collection. Inv: 1/16/26. PO: 2/5/26.

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

Ms. Clonch stated that the appropriations ordinance on the agenda tonight will need to be amended with the following changes since the first reading:

Section 11: 101.230 Fire +26,515.00 (grant equipment & volunteer firemen)

Section 16: 101.900 General Capital Improvements +46,000.00 (sign in park)

Section 21: TOTAL GENERAL +72,515.00

Section 24: 221.990 SOPEC Community Reinvestment +10,119.99 (grant-splashpad electric)

Section 50: 285.227 Court Probation Services +8,200.00 (copier for court)

Section 52: TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE +18,319.99

Section 94: TOTAL ALL FUND +90,834.99

All of the above changes were discussed at the last budget work session.

There was presented and read to the Commission as a second reading, Ordinance No. O2026-02 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE O2024-03, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE O2025-11, SETTING COMPENSATION FOR MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS**. Mr. Kirby made a motion to adopt the ordinance on the second reading, seconded by Mr. Carter. Upon roll call to adopt the Ordinance on the second reading, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission as a second reading, Ordinance No. O2026-03 entitled **AN ORDINANCE TO SET APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026**. Dr. Thomas made a motion to amend the ordinance per the changes submitted by the City Auditor, seconded by Mr. Carter. Upon roll call to amend the appropriations ordinance, all votes were yes. Mr. Carter made a motion to adopt the amended ordinance on the second reading, seconded by Mr. Kirby. Upon roll call to adopt the amended Ordinance on the second reading, all votes were yes.

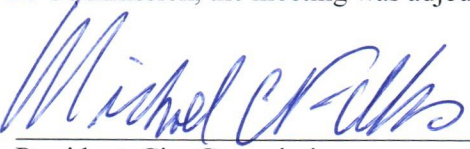
There was presented and read to the Commission as a second reading, Ordinance No. O2026-04 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER OR ADVANCE FUNDS**. Dr. Thomas made a motion to adopt the ordinance on the second reading, seconded by Mr. Kirby. Upon roll call to adopt the Ordinance on the second reading, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission as a first reading, Ordinance No. O2026-05 entitled **AN ORDINANCE TO APPLY TO AND ACCEPT THE COMMUNITY GRANT FROM THE SUSTAINABLE OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (SOPEC)**. Mr. Carter made a motion to place the ordinance on the first reading, seconded by Dr. Thomas. Upon a 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