

April 7, 2026

The Gallipolis City Commission met in a regular session on Tuesday, April 7, 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 remember those less fortunate.

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 Joy Elliott Keith Elliott Justin Rice
Betty Jo Carter Marvin Ours Lynne Frazier Larry Kidd
Cindy Kidd

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

Mr. Larry Kidd attended tonight's meeting to introduce himself as he is running in the Republican primary for the Ohio House District 93. He ran for Congress two years ago and now wants to focus on the state level. One of his main goals is to create jobs in this area. Mr. Kidd gave his background as a longtime business owner himself, chair of the Ohio Chamber of Commerce, was on the US Chamber Board, served on the original board of Jobs Ohio, and the OneOhio Recovery Foundation. He would like to work with Mr. Taylor Stepp, Director of Economic Development for Gallia County, to help bring businesses into this area. Mr. Kidd stated he cares about this area and would appreciate the support.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- We found out today that Governor Mike DeWine announced the City will be receiving a 5 million dollar grant through the Ohio EPA for PFAS treatment at the Water Treatment Plant. This funding was made available from the DuPont settlement.
- Most of the concrete work on the Riverfront project is complete. Over the next couple of weeks, they will be working on brick pavers, electric poles, and tables.
- The pool is being prepared for opening and will be painted over the next 2 weeks. They are preparing to interview for lifeguard and admissions positions.
- The "Welcome to Gallipolis" sign has been replaced at State Route 141 and State Route 7, which was damaged in a vehicle accident. Landscaping around the sign still needs to be completed. This was paid for through insurance reimbursement.
- The basketball court at Haskins Park will be resurfaced within the next couple of weeks and is funded through the same ODNR grant as the pickleball court.
- Gallipolis in Bloom will hold its annual planting day on May 2nd, and any volunteers are welcome.
- He has met with the County engineer concerning the road on Hedgewood Drive. They are going to look into ways to repair the road and what it will cost. The City will also apply for emergency funding and continue to have our engineering firm look into possible funding opportunities.

Ms. Lynne Frazier, who was at the meeting tonight, reiterated from previous meetings that since Oakwood Drive was repaired a few years ago, the rain runoff has created a huge hole in her backyard. Mr. Fulks, Mr. Westfall, and Mr. Carter plan to go over this week to look at the area.

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

- \$15,000.00 from Perry & Associates for the GASB compilation report. Inv: 3/6/26. PO: 3/18/26.
- \$3,000.00 from Flock Group for the City's portion of traffic cameras. Inv: 3/11/26. PO: 3/18/26.
- \$3,300.00 from Allcom for quarterly billing of IT services. Inv: 3/11/26. PO: 3/17/26.
- \$30,971.88 from Ohio Valley Bank for pool repair loan payment. Inv: 3/16/26. PO: 3/25/26.

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 stated that the Commission received the March 2026 financial statement in their packet before this meeting. The new 2026 budget took effect on March 18th, and the figures are reflected in this statement. Mr. Kirby made a motion to approve the March 2026 financial statement, seconded by Mr. Carter. Upon a voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

The City received a liquor license change of ownership to Kory Cox for Lorobis. The Auditor said if the Commission was in favor, she would need a motion to not request a hearing on the change. Dr. Thomas made a motion not to request a hearing, seconded by Mr. Carter. Upon a voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

The Auditor informed the Commission that the State Auditor's office will be starting our 2024 and 2025 audit in the next week.

The City Solicitor requested an executive session tonight to discuss the purchase and sale of property and also the actions of public officials.

There was presented and read to the Commission as a second reading, Resolution No. R2026-01 entitled **A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE ALL-NATURAL HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN PREPARED BY A CORE GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS REPRESENTING VARIOUS ENTITIES IN GALLIA COUNTY.** Mr. Kirby 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 second reading, Ordinance No. O2026-06 entitled **AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND REJECTING BIDS FOR ASPHALT, LIMESTONE, AND BEDDING SAND.** 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 was presented and read to the Commission as a second reading, Ordinance No. O2026-07 entitled **AN ORDINANCE VACATING A CERTAIN ALLEY PARALLEL WITH AND BETWEEN EASTERN AVENUE AND CHATHAM STREET IN GALLIPOLIS, OHIO.** 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.

Dr. Thomas made a motion to enter into an executive session to discuss the purchase or sale of property and actions of public officials, seconded by Mr. Carter. Upon roll call to enter into executive session, all votes were yes.

Upon return to the open meeting from executive session and there being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.


Clerk, City Commission


President, City Commission