

April 21, 2026

The Gallipolis City Commission met in a special session on Tuesday, April 21, 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 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 Joy Elliott Keith Elliott Justin Rice
Marvin Ours Lynne Frazier Jim Osborne

The commission received the minutes from April 7th before this meeting. Mr. Kirby made a motion to approve the April 7th minutes, seconded by Dr. Thomas. Upon a voice vote to approve the minutes, all votes were yes.

Privilege of the Floor:

Mr. Marvin Ours inquired about the gas company digging up Chillicothe Road, which was just recently paved. Mr. Fulks informed him that the gas company has an agreement that they must repave the road exactly as it was when their work is completed.

Mr. Jim Osborne asked if the City has to be accountable and show where the extra ½% income tax is being spent? The City Auditor stated that financial statements are printed each month and are always available for inspection either at her office, at the library, or he can always request a copy. Mr. Osborne also said that he has an area of his driveway that the City worked on that needs to be fixed. The City Manager stated he would let the Maintenance Department know tomorrow.

Ms. Lynne Frazier thanked Commissioner Carter for coming to look at the hole in her yard on Hedgewood Drive. Mr. Carter said that it appears the water running into her backyard seems to be coming from a natural spring on the hill.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- The concrete work on the Riverfront project is continuing, along with swing frames installed, and getting pavers in for crosswalks and sitting areas.
- We are in search of a replacement truck for watering flowers. The one we currently use has frame rot and an oil leak.
- The pool is starting to be filled today. Buckeye Aquatics will be here next Tuesday to run a test on the chemical feed, motors, and filters to make sure they are working correctly before the pool opens.
- The bids for media filter replacement at the Water Treatment Plant were opened today, and there is an ordinance on the agenda tonight to accept the bid.
- Our NotifyNow system is phasing out, and we need to find a new system to notify residents of water boil advisories. We have a meeting scheduled for Thursday with a prospective company.

The Chief of Police, Justin Rice, recommended the appointment of Mr. Stephen Kincaid as a patrolman. Mr. Kincaid just passed his OPOTA test and has been an explorer with the Police Department since high school. He helped the K-9 officer at times and has always done a good job. Dr. Thomas made a motion in favor of hiring Mr. Stephen Kincaid as a patrolman, seconded by Mr. Carter. Upon a voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

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

- \$3,366.00 from Arcadis for the PFAS general plan. Inv: 2/10/26. PO: 4/8/26.
- \$31,344.04 from Rumpke for trash collection. Inv: 3/17/26. PO: 4/7/26.
- \$5,270.00 from Allcom for software support. Inv: 3/11/26. PO: 3/18/26.

Mr. Brown 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 State Auditor's office began work on our 24/25 audit last week. They worked here at the building yesterday and collected records to take back with them. They gave an estimated completion date of December 31st.

The City Solicitor requested an executive session tonight to discuss the purchase of property.

There was presented and read to the Commission as a first reading, Resolution No. R2026-02 entitled **A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ANDREW NOE AS THE CITY SOLICITOR OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTIONS 20 AND 21 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO.** Mr. Kirby made a motion to place the resolution on the first reading, seconded by Mr. Carter. Upon a 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, Ordinance No. O2026-08 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN ALL DOCUMENTATION TO SELL THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 75 CEDAR STREET IN THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO.** Mr. Kirby made a motion to place the ordinance on the first reading, seconded by Mr. Carter. Upon a 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. O2026-09 entitled **AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND REJECTING BIDS FOR THE MEDIA REPLACEMENT OF TWO GRAVITY FILTER CELLS.** Mr. Brown made a motion to place the ordinance on the first reading, seconded by Mr. Kirby. Ms. Clonch said that bids were just opened today, and attached to the ordinance is the bid tabulation. We budgeted for \$200,000, and the price came in under at \$138,000 with onsite disposal. Upon a voice vote to place the Ordinance on the first reading, all votes were yes.

Mr. Carter made a motion to enter into an executive session to discuss the buying and selling of property, seconded by Dr. Thomas. 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