

May 19, 2026

The Gallipolis City Commission met in a special session on Tuesday, May 19, 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
(Michael W. Brown, Member, arrived during the Auditor's report)

Others attending were:

John Westfall, City Manager
Shelly Clonch, City Auditor
Andrew Noe, City Solicitor
Joy Elliott Keith Elliott Marvin Ours Ronnie Lynch
Jim Osborne Betty Carter Justin Rice

The commission received the minutes from May 5th before this meeting. Dr. Thomas made a motion to approve the May 5th minutes, seconded by Mr. Carter. Upon a voice vote to approve the minutes, all votes were yes.

During the privilege of the floor, Mr. Jim Osborne thanked the Commission for the repairs that are being completed on Hedgewood Drive.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- Allard Excavation is finishing up its work on the Riverfront project, and Criseberry Electric will begin installing light poles and additional electrical equipment. He hopes to see it completed by the end of the summer.
- The Mound Hill spring house renovation is almost complete. He thanked those who donated to make this possible and also the general contractor Irvin Saunders for the work on the renovation.
- First Avenue at the City Park is now open, but they still need to get the lighting done in that area, as it's very dark at night. They hope to have that completed in the next 6 weeks.
- Weather permitting, the City Pool will have its opening day this Saturday.
- Street paving is going out for advertisement to bid, and the bond issue is on the agenda tonight.
- We have been awarded an OPWC small government grant that will go towards the lime slaker at the Water Treatment Plant. This has needed to be replaced for well over 10 years.
- There is an ordinance on the agenda tonight to go with SOPEC for a twelve-month term on the electric aggregation. It is best to go slow on exploring all of our options that are out there. The City Solicitor added that we do not want to jump into anything different without first reading the bylaws of our current contract with SOPEC.

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

- \$3,779.24 from Allcom for a new printer for the Clerk of Courts. Inv: 4/16/26. PO: 4/20/26.
- \$3,999.85 from Allcom for website maintenance. Inv: 4/16/26. PO: 5/6/26.
- \$7,460.00 from Chargepoint Inc. for hardware and support maintenance. Inv: 4/21/26. PO: 5/6/26.
- \$288,548.26 from CJ Hughes Construction for the water line project. Inv: 3/12/26. PO: 5/6/26.
- \$5,050.23 from the Ohio Bureau of Workers Comp for monthly premium. Inv: 4/24/26. PO: 5/6/26.
- \$14,561.39 from Ohio Valley Bank for street improvement bond. Inv: 4/27/26. PO: 5/6/26.

- \$19,407.79 from Ohio Valley Bank for fire equipment bond. Inv: 4/27/26. PO: 5/6/26.
- \$13,900.00 from Stronghold Security for Justice Center security doors. Inv: 1/14/26. PO: 5/6/26.
- \$36,637.25 from Arcadis for engineering services. Inv: 4/13/26. PO: 5/6/26.
- \$33,194.00 from Arcadis for engineering services. Inv: 4/16/26. PO: 5/6/26.

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

Commissioner Michael W. Brown arrived at the meeting during the Auditor's reading of invoices over \$3,000.

All of the Commissioners received a copy of the April 2026 financial statement in their packets before this meeting, and Ms. Clonch asked for a motion to approve. Dr. Thomas made a motion to approve the April 2026 financial statement, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon a voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

Mr. Fulks commended Mr. Mike Carter, Mrs. Betty Carter, and the rest of the Gallipolis in Lights committee on the outstanding bandstand decorations for the 250th Anniversary of the United States of America.

There was presented and read to the Commission as a first reading, Ordinance No. O2026-12 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT FOR VISION INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES AND ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO.** Mr. Carter made a motion to place the ordinance on the first reading, seconded by Mr. Kirby. Upon a voice vote to place the Ordinance on the first reading, all votes were yes.

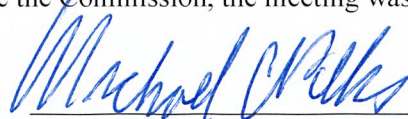
There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency reading, Ordinance No. O2026-13 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO APPROVE ADDENDUM #2 TO THE ENERGY CONSULTING AND MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH TREBEL ENERGY.** Dr. Thomas made a motion to adopt the ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon a roll call to adopt the Ordinance as an emergency, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission as a first reading, Ordinance No. O2026-14 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$425,000 ROAD IMPROVEMENT BONDS SERIES 2026 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING PART OF THE COSTS OF ROAD IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDING ROAD PAVING AND ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO.** Mr. Carter made a motion to place the ordinance on the first reading, seconded by Mr. Kirby. 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 an emergency Ordinance No. O2026-15 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO CONSULT WITH SOPEC AND ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS FOR THE SUPPLY OF GENERATED ELECTRICITY TO THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS MUNICIPAL FACILITIES AND CITY RESIDENTS FOR A PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS.** Dr. Thomas made a motion to adopt the ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Carter. Upon a roll call to adopt the Ordinance as an emergency, all votes were yes.

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


Clerk, City Commission


President, City Commission