

June 16, 2026

The Gallipolis City Commission met in a special session on Tuesday, June 16, 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.

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

Others attending were:

John Westfall, City Manager			
Shelly Clonch, City Auditor			
Andrew Noe, City Solicitor			
Ronnie Lynch	Kay Dey	Joy Elliott	Keith Elliott
Marvin Ours	Jim Osborne	Brent Saunders	Betty Carter
Justin Rice	Roma Wood	Steven McDaniel	

The commission received the minutes from June 2nd before this meeting. Dr. Thomas made a motion to approve the June 2nd minutes, seconded by Mr. Carter. Upon a voice vote to approve the minutes, all votes were yes.

The privilege of the floor:

- Ms. Roma Wood said she came tonight to say thanks and not complain as so many do. She recently had a fire at one of her rentals next door to her home. The Fire and Police Department were so kind to her and got her out of the house and walked her up to the neighbors. She came tonight to express her sincere gratitude to them and presented the Police Chief and Fire Chief with a letter.
- Ms. Kay Dey, a resident of Court Street, informed the Commission that her husband uses a motorized wheelchair and that the VA recently modified their home to improve his accessibility. She expressed concern that when Court Street is closed for First Friday and other special events, her husband may not be able to exit their home in an emergency. Ms. Dey requested that the road-closed sign on Court Street be moved farther up the street so it does not block their residence. Mr. Fulks noted that relocating the signs would be simple in an emergency and said they would speak with the First Friday organizers to ensure the area near her home remains open and free from food trucks. The Chief of Police added that an exception could be made to allow her handicap-accessible van to remain parked in front of her home.
- Mr. Jim Osborne reiterated Ms. Wood on giving credit to this community. He did want to comment that the temporary repairs on Hedgewood Drive have made the asphalt 6 to 8 inches higher than the sidewalk, causing water runoff into his yard, and could cause the repairs they have done to wash out. It has also been a safety hazard for the mailman and trash collectors. Mr. Osborne also reminded the Commission that his driveway still needs to be fixed, and there needs to be a light on the Bridge past the middle school.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- Bids were opened for the paving of Fourth Avenue and Henkle Avenue in the late summer or early fall. The ordinance to accept the bid is on the agenda tonight. We will also start applying for next year's paving grant soon, and are also looking at possible grants for a permanent fix on Hedgewood Drive.

- R & R Pipeline has been working on gas lines on Chillicothe Road. When the project is complete, the road will be restored to its original condition before they started digging.
- Events have begun at the City Park, including the Friday evening gospel sings and First Friday. The riverfront project is nearing the end, but it is not all the way open just yet. We will accommodate any upcoming fishing tournaments. He also wanted to remind the community to please pick up their trash, as lately it has been an issue.

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

- \$3,445.58 from Melvin Stone for limestone. Inv: 6/2/26. PO: 6/8/26.
- \$5,050.23 from Ohio Bureau of Workers Comp for monthly premium. Inv: 5/29/26. PO: 6/10/26.
- \$31,521.00 from Rumpke for refuse pickup. Inv: 5/19/26. PO: 6/8/26.
- \$10,359.43 from Treasurer State of Ohio for WPCF loan payment. Inv: 5/15/26. PO: 6/10/26.
- \$15,214.01 from Treasurer State of Ohio for CCA 2.0 grant refund. Inv: 5/8/26. PO: 6/10/26.

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

The Commission received the May 2026 financial statement in their packets prior to this meeting and Ms. Clonch asked for a motion of approval. Mr. Carter made a motion to approve the May 2026 financial statement, seconded by Dr. Thomas. Upon a voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

Commissioner Mr. Carter said he received a phone call asking if guardrail was going to be put up on Burkhart Lane by the culverts due to there being a big drop that goes straight down from the road. The City Manager said he can mention and see if it can be added to the Burkhart Lane project that has been underway.

There was presented and read to the Commission as a first reading, Resolution No. R2026-03 entitled **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW ENTERPRISE FUND (565) WPC RESERVE**. Mr. Brown 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 second reading, Ordinance No. O2026-16 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH GALLIA COUNTY FOR THE BOARDING OF PRISONERS**. Dr. Thomas made a motion to adopt the ordinance on the second reading, seconded by Mr. Carter. Upon a roll call vote 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. O2026-17 entitled **AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND REJECTING BIDS FOR THE PAVING OF CITY STREETS**. Mr. Brown 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.

Mr. Marvin Ours asked if the road was going to be fixed on Garfield after the company that is replacing the water lines has dug the road up. The City Manager stated that the road will be repaired as soon as they are done.

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



Clerk, City Commission



President, City Commission