

August 4, 2026

The Gallipolis City Commission met in a regular session on Tuesday, August 4, 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 Vice-President Dr. William "Bill" Thomas called the meeting to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Upon roll call, the following members were present:

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			
Chad Vaughn, River Cities News			
Ronnie Lynch	Heath Lucas	Joy Elliott	Keith Elliott
Marvin Ours	Jim Osborne	Betty Carter	Justin Rice

The commission received the minutes from July 21st before this meeting. Mr. Carter made a motion to approve the July 21st minutes, seconded by Mr. Kirby. Upon a voice vote to approve the minutes, all votes were yes.

During the privilege of the floor, Mr. Marvin Ours asked if the City would be vulnerable to attacks on our water system, as it has recently been in the news that it is happening in other states. The City Manager replied that it is not an issue here, as ours is manual and not run by a computer. We are in a safe zone unless we were to update our system.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- Mr. Justin Rice was present tonight to recommend the hiring of two new officers. Mr. Rice stated that he has a full-time vacancy to fill and is recommending the hiring of Ms. Spring Ross. Ms. Ross has passed her civil service exam and background check and is currently a Corporal at the Lawrence County jail. He would also like to add Mr. Frank Stewart to his roster of part-time officers. Mr. Stewart is the Chief Deputy in Meigs County. Mr. Brown made a motion to appoint Ms. Ross and Mr. Stewart as patrol officers with the Gallipolis Police Department, seconded by Mr. Carter. Upon a voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.
- Riverfront Project – electrical wires have been fixed, and new light poles are being installed on First Avenue. A new sign has been installed, sidewalks are being poured, and historical markers are being put in place.
- Water Line Replacement – service lines are being connected to mains, and they are getting ready to turn on the new 12" line on Fourth Avenue. They are still working on the Jackson Pike area and will be getting Upper SR 7 tied in.
- The last regular day for the pool to be open will be August 16th, and we are already planning for next year's updates and repairs.
- First Friday is this week, and he expects a good turnout. Court Street will be closed to allow for entertainment setup and vendors. There will also be a car show in the City Park on Saturday.
- The Vinton County Bass Tournament was held last weekend, and he counted over 75 boats, so there should be ample parking for tournaments when the Riverfront Project is complete.
- A work session will need to be planned to discuss phase two of the waterline replacement project. We are on the list for a \$4 million loan forgiveness that is matched dollar for dollar, and we will need to determine the size of the project we can afford to do.

Mr. Carter asked how the house on Fourth Avenue was coming along with cleaning up their property. Mr. Westfall said it has been through the court and a dumpster has been placed there. He does need them to get it done quickly due to the upcoming paving of Fourth Avenue. There is an ordinance on the agenda tonight to change the property maintenance code and hold property owners responsible as well as renters.

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

- \$7,000.00 from Dinsmore & Shohl LLP for bond counsel. Inv: 7/14/26. PO: 7/22/26.
- \$31,432.52 from Rumpke for trash collection. Inv: 6/16/26. PO: 7/13/26.
- \$5,050.23 from Ohio Bureau of Workers Comp for monthly premium. Inv: 6/26/26. PO: 7/13/26.
- \$6,288.88 from Lexipol LLC for annual law enforcement manual. Inv: 7/1/26. PO: 7/13/26.
- \$14,918.34 from HJC Concrete for repairs on Henkle Avenue. Inv: 7/14/26. PO: 7/15/26.

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

Ms. Clonch requested approval of donations received for April, May, and June 2026.

April - \$100.00 for City Park bricks

May - \$3,600.00 to Gallipolis in Lights

June - \$1,636.00 to Gallipolis in Lights and \$50.00 for City Park bricks

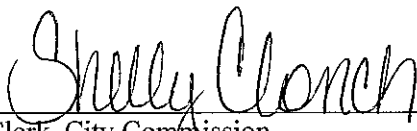
Mr. Carter made a motion to approve the donations, seconded by Mr. Kirby. Upon a voice vote to approve the April, May, and June donations, all votes were yes.

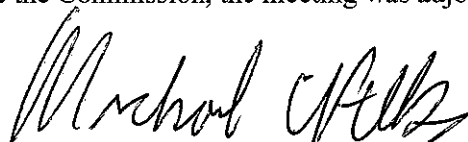
There was presented and read to the Commission as a second reading, Resolution No. R2026-04 entitled **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A GRANT/LOAN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION THROUGH THE OHIO SMALL GOVERNMENT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM FOR WATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS**. Mr. Brown made a motion to adopt the resolution on the second reading, seconded by Mr. Carter. Upon a roll call vote to adopt the resolution on the second reading, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission as a second reading, Resolution No. R2026-05 entitled **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND ENTER INTO A WATER SUPPLY REVOLVING LOAN ACCOUNT (WSRLA) AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF WATER FACILITIES (WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PHASE 2); AND DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR THE LOAN**. Mr. Brown made a motion to adopt the resolution on the second reading, seconded by Mr. Carter. Upon a roll call vote to adopt the resolution on the second reading, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission as a first reading, Ordinance No. O2026-20 entitled **AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING CHAPTER NO. 1351.03, PENALTIES, FOR THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE VIOLATIONS OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO**. Mr. Carter made a motion to place the ordinance on the first reading, seconded by Mr. Brown. 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