

February 22, 2011

The Gallipolis City Commission met in special session on Tuesday, February 22, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the Gallipolis Municipal Courtroom on Olive Street, having complied with Section 9 of the City Charter.

Commission President James Cozza called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.

Upon roll call, the following members were present:

James A. Cozza, President
 James Jay Cremeens, Vice-President
 Lori F. Bailey, Member
 W. Matthew Johnson, Member
 Steven E. Wallis, Member

Others attending were:

Randall J. Finney, City Manager
 Adam R. Salisbury, City Solicitor
 Annette M. Landers, City Auditor/Clerk/Treasurer
 Amber Gillenwater, Gallipolis Daily Tribune
 Ronnie Lynch Tony Gallagher Clint Patterson
 Marvin Vanderberg Dottie Chestnut Randy Breech
 Bob Marchi Jon Lynch

President Cozza opened discussion of the new law enforcement center by inviting Mr. Breech to answer questions about the newest design, which calls for the placement of the building on the site of the former municipal building. Mr. Breech fielded questions about fitting the design to the new location and about parking spaces. Mr. Finney said he had spoken to the judge about the change of location and she was okay with it. Chief Patterson said that he was also okay with the change in location.

The next topic of discussion was Section 105, Disposition of Property, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Gallipolis. The City Solicitor was asked to interpret the wording of this section and advise the Commission as to the process to be followed and the vote requirement in order to sell property to the County. Mr. Salisbury advised that Section 105.01(c) would govern the sale of property to a designated purchaser at a set price. This would require a unanimous vote of the Commission. Without a unanimous vote, the Commission would need to go to bid. If bid, it must be advertised for two weeks. In addition, the property must be appraised and the bid must be for more than the appraised value.

Following a period of discussion, each Commissioner was given an opportunity to express an opinion about the proposed change in location. Mr. Johnson said it was a better design than the one shown for placing the building on the Miller Property. Ms. Bailey agreed that the new proposal offers better layout and access. Mr. Cremeens asked if the Miller Property was zoned for a parking lot. Mr. Finney said that this would require a zoning variance. Mr. Johnson suggested that we pave only the front part of the lot at this time to avoid any issues with residents on Third Avenue. Mr. Wallis summed up by saying that the purchase of Davis Hall was not a good move, but that the City is recouping the cost of demolition in the purchase price that the County is offering. It is in everyone's best interest not to squeeze the County for space if we can avoid it.

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Mr. Johnson made a motion to direct the City Solicitor to prepare, and bring to the next meeting, documents to sell the property across the street to the County, seconded by Ms. Bailey. Upon voice vote on the motion, Mr. Cremeens voted no. All other votes were yes.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to adopt the new design if the property sells, seconded by Ms. Bailey. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

The next topic of discussion was a change to the 2011 Proposed Budget. Mr. Finney had requested at an earlier budget session that the Commission consider giving the Resident Firefighter one day per week off. Currently, he is on-call all of the time except for intermittent vacation days and station relief hours. He must even drive the fire truck to the store in order to be ready for a call. Commissioners Cremeens and Wallis met with fire department personnel to discuss options. Mr. Wallis said that they had hoped to provide two part-timers to give sufficient relief, but that this solution proved too costly. It would cost around \$14,000 (plus retirement and Medicare) to provide the current level of station relief, plus one whole day per week coverage. The Commissioners were in agreement with this change.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- The estimate to repair the drainage problem on Eastern Avenue came in at \$5,500, with City workers providing the labor. Mr. Cremeens made a motion to fix the problem, seconded by Mr. Wallis. Upon voice vote, all votes were yes.
- The architect from Panich & Noel needs feedback on the drawings that he submitted. Commissioners agreed that they liked Option B, which calls for a front porch with columns. The consensus of opinion was that the sides and back did not need elaborate treatment because they would not be readily visible in the new location.

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


Clerk, City Commission


President, City Commission