

March 23, 2010

The Gallipolis City Commission met in special session on Tuesday, March 23, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the Gallipolis Municipal Building, 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
 Michelle Miller, Gallipolis Daily Tribune
 Tony Gallagher Marvin Vanderberg Ronnie Lynch
 Randy Breech Bette Horan Dottie Chestnut
 Gene Angel Bill Gene Johnson

Commission President Cozza opened the work session on the new municipal building. All of the Commissioners took turns in expressing their opinions of the plans for the new municipal building that Mr. Breech has submitted. Everyone agreed that the building's exterior was not aesthetically pleasing. Mr. Johnson added that the plans he has seen to date are not detailed enough to eliminate the possibility of costly change orders or use of inferior materials. In Mr. Breech's response, he stated that he has made every effort to come up with a suitable structure within the strict cost and space parameters that he has been provided. The floor plan, after many adjustments, has now been endorsed by all concerned. Mr. Breech agreed to come back in two weeks with a couple of more pleasing exterior designs.

In general city matters, the City Manager distributed to the Commissioners a letter that he prepared for the residents of Spruce Street.

Other items included in his report were:

- A letter has been sent to residents of Spruce Street explaining the project and the offering to waive certain fees if annexed and/or connected during the construction period.
- Eight houses have been demolished under the county grant. There are seventeen on the list already, with more being added since the article appeared in the newspaper. The funding must be committed by March 31st.
- Seventy-five letters have been mailed to property owners concerning sidewalk repairs. One hundred, twenty-seven more are ready to go out. Mr. Finney also reported on the I & I repairs and grease trap letters. Most of these have been remedied.

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- In response to the question about a water line for GDC, Mr. Finney spoke to GDC and learned that their tower is higher than the City's tower on Fortification Hill, which does not allow us to have enough pressure in our line to pump to them.
- The land transfer between the city and GDC has been signed.
- The City Solicitor is working to recoup the cost of cleanup of the Amsbary property.
- Mr. Finney plans to attend a construction vendors' expo at the Charleston Civic Center on Thursday. He hopes to take Dave Walters with him.
- They are doing smoke and dye testing at the Silver Bridge Plaza and in Spring Valley.
- There is an OVRDC meeting that he will attend tomorrow night.
- Mr. Finney attended the Main Street meeting with Melissa Clark. He plans to put a committee together to consider some of the ideas from the meeting.
- Mr. Finney is still working with those in charge of the Farmers' Market in an effort to bring it to downtown Gallipolis.
- The carpet and electrical work has been bid for the temporary facility for the Municipal Court.

The City Auditor informed the Commission that she would be out of town on Thursday and Friday of this week to attend an Ohio Association of Public Treasurer's seminar on Thursday, followed by a vacation day on Friday.

The City Solicitor went over changes that he made in the Green Township sewer contract to address some of the City Commission's concerns. Mr. Finney informed the Commissioners that the County Administrator has just received a copy of the proposed changes. The County Commission has not had the opportunity to review them yet.

Mr. Salisbury requested executive session for a legal matter.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency a Resolution No. R2010-14 entitled **AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE DEMOLITION OF THE "DAVIS HALL" BUILDING**. Mr. Wallis made a motion to adopt this resolution as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Johnson. President Cozza said he hoped that the bids would come in lower than the earlier bids. Both Mr. Finney and Mr. Breech agreed that this was a possibility, given the need for work in the area. Upon roll call to adopt this resolution as an emergency, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2010-14 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE GALLIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR SEWAGE TREATMENT FOR GREEN TOWNSHIP**. Mr. Johnson made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Ms. Bailey. Mr. Cozza confirmed with the City Solicitor that this ordinance gives the City Manager the authority to negotiate changes with the County Commission. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, Mr. Cremeens voted no. All other votes were yes. O2010-14 was placed on first reading.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading an Ordinance No. O2010-15 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION AND TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT IF THE GRANT IS AWARDED FOR THE ODOD'S FY 2010 CDBG FORMULA FUND ALLOCATION FOR THE PAVING OF CITY STREETS**. Mr. Johnson made a motion to suspend the rules and adopt this ordinance on first reading, seconded by Mr. Wallis. The City Manager explained that the \$30,000 grant with \$30,000 local match

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would be used to repave Mill Creek, if awarded. Upon roll call to suspend the rules and adopt this ordinance on first reading, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading an Ordinance No. O2010-16 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O2005-25, ESTABLISHING PART NINE, TITLE 1, CHAPTER 906, YARD SALES, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO.** Mr. Johnson made a motion to suspend the rules and adopt this ordinance on first reading, seconded by Ms. Bailey. Mr. Finney informed the Commissioners that the proposed dates for this year's city-wide yard sale would be May 21 and 22, followed by a yard sale in the City Park perhaps Saturday, August 21st. Upon roll call to suspend the rules and adopt this ordinance on first reading, all votes were yes.

Mr. Wallis made a motion to enter executive session to discuss legal matters as set forth in ORC Section 121.22, seconded by Mr. Johnson. President Cozza announced that there would be no business to follow executive session. Upon roll call on the motion to enter executive session, all votes were yes. Upon completion of executive session, Commission returned to special session.

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


Clerk, City Commission


President, City Commission