

April 12, 2011

The Gallipolis City Commission met in special session on Tuesday, April 12, 2011, at 6:30 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	Marvin Vanderberg
Dottie Chestnut	Roma Wood	Nancy Vanderberg
John Allen	Bette Horan	Polly Wetherholt
Jim Thomas	John Jones	Joe Moore
Melissa Sanders	Laurie Graham	Bill Gene Johnson
Sydney Charnock	Jeanne Fisher	Janet Johnson
James D. Taylor	Phyllis Taylor	Ray McKinniss
Mrs. Charles Holzer	Randy Breech	

President Cozza opened the public hearing on the new justice center. Mr. Breech gave an overview of the project with a possible timeline. According to that timeline, we would go to bid in June, with bid acceptance in July or August. Construction would begin in September and be completed before June 30, 2012. He showed the floor plan of the interior of the building and pointed out some changes from last year. One of the changes is the addition of a mezzanine on the sally port. It will be used for storage. There will be ten or eleven parking spaces in back for the police department. There will also be a courtyard for needed green space. Two handicapped parking spaces will be in front of the building.

Mr. Jim Thomas, architect for Panich and Noel, continued the presentation by showing a view of the exterior of the building and talking about the materials to be used. The building will be built of jumbo modular bricks, molded polymer trim, and EIFS (exterior insulation and finishing system) applied to the exterior. EIFS looks like stone. Maintenance for the building is expected to be low. During discussions, the Commissioners asked to have the front porch lowered and widened. Mr. Thomas said that this would be easy to do and should not result in additional cost. President Cozza asked about the possibility of a basement storage area.

President Cozza announced that the City is forming a group to help develop the City. Mr. Johnson received calls from many residents interested in being a part of this group. Mr. Jimmy Wiseman has offered to spearhead this group. The first meeting should be around the end of May. This was

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followed by a discussion of ways to welcome the Ohio State High School Fishing Tournament, scheduled for July 9th at the park front. It would be nice if groups could coordinate special activities for the participants and their families. Mr. McKinniss added that the Visitors Center has several tournaments coming to town, which we could welcome with similar activities.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- The next public hearing for the Justice Center will be Tuesday, April 19th, at 6:30 p.m.
- Ad for the Tribune - Mr. Johnson made a motion to place a one-quarter page ad, seconded by Ms. Bailey. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.
- The Commission will discuss the changes to the Personnel Policy Handbook at the next meeting.
- U.S. Senator Bill Johnson will hold a Town Hall Meeting on April 28th at 6:30 p.m. at Gallia Academy High School.
- Mr. Finney, Ms. Tate, and Ms. Landers attended the Auditor of State's training on April 6th. While there, Mr. Finney was able to ask the Chief Auditor of the State of Ohio whether our executive sessions are legal. He affirmed that they are.

The City Auditor presented for approval of payment an invoice for \$19,477.50 from Travelers Insurance for the quarterly liability and property insurance premium. The invoice was dated 3/23/11. The purchase order was dated 4/5/11. Mr. Cremeens made a motion to approve payment, seconded by Ms. Bailey. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

The City Solicitor gave an update on the McGhee building. Nothing has happened yet. One problem with the City just taking over the work is that there are numerous creditors.

Mr. Wallis mentioned the ripped flag at Mound Hill. Mr. Finney updated him on plans to fix the flag pole. The flag that is ripped is an older flag. We have two new ones in storage.

Mr. Wallis also asked to have the Code Enforcement Officer check about a tax abatement for the Masonic Lodge.

Mr. Wallis also offered to relay messages to Mr. Garnes while he is in contact with him.

Mr. Finney distributed a letter for the Commissioners to read, which he plans to send to residents of Hedgewood Drive to update them on efforts to fix the problem there.

The Commissioners agreed that the City Solicitor's response to the French Art Colony is appropriate and should be sent.

President Cozza reported receiving a nice Thank You note from the Our House for the donation from the City.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2011-33 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND REJECTING BIDS FOR DEMOLITION AND ASBESTOS REMOVAL OF GALLIPOLIS CITY BUILDING AND ADJACENT STORAGE BUILDING, 518 SECOND AVENUE.** Ms. Bailey made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2011-34 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY**

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MANAGER TO PAVE A STREET ALONG UPPER RIVER ROAD (ACCESS ROAD BESIDE BOB EVANS RESTAURANT AND THE GALLIPOLIS VA CLINIC). Mr. Johnson made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Ms. Bailey. Mr. Finney told the Commission that the City has the necessary easements. The paving, quoted at \$11,200, will go back to the Sherwin Williams store. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, all votes were yes.

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


Clerk, City Commission


President, City Commission