

February 20, 2010

The Gallipolis City Commission met in special work session on Saturday, February 20, 2010, at 10:30 a.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  
 Ronnie Lynch                      Randy Breech                      Marvin Vanderberg  
 Becky Rothgeb                      Gene Angel                      Dick Cornett

President Cozza began the work session by outlining the five options for building a new municipal building:

1. Do nothing, which is really not an option
2. Use Davis Hall in a joint effort with the County
3. Use the property across the street, which could include the lot that Davis Hall occupies, if Davis Hall is demolished
4. Buy the Miller Property
5. Buy the old Haskins-Tanner property

The City Manager recorded the pros and cons for each option on large sheets of paper to aid the Commission in assessing the merits and disadvantages of each option. During discussions, Ms. Rothgeb again voiced her concern over temporarily moving the operations of the municipal building any further away from the downtown business district. She asked the Commission for assurances that this would not happen. She was told that no decision has been made yet, but the health and safety of those using the City Building would be the major determinant in deciding if or when to move the operations. The City Manager is gathering data on what buildings are available in Gallipolis. The Commission would prefer a downtown location, if possible.

After discussing all of the options for the location of a new municipal building, the Commission decided to proceed with using the property across the road if the County has no interest in partnering on Davis Hall. They plan to meet with the County Commission again this Thursday to continue discussions begun on February 4<sup>th</sup>. ~~At Thursday's meeting, they can learn whether the County has any real interest in using the Davis Hall building.~~ The City can go forward with application for EPA Brownfields funds for asbestos abatement and (possibly) demolition of Davis Hall.

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

  
 Clerk, City Commission

  
 President, City Commission