

February 25, 2010

The Gallipolis City Commission met in special session on Thursday, February 25, 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 Vice-President Jay Cremeens called the meeting to order and gave the invocation. President Cozza was absent due to a medical procedure.

Upon roll call, the following members were present:

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  
Annette M. Landers, City Auditor/Clerk/Treasurer

The City Manager distributed a paper showing sewer rate increases since April of 2006, along with projected consumption levels and revenues for each of the County sewer projects. He said that he planned to share the information with the County Commission to keep them informed of rate increases since the Kanauga/Addison Sewer Project contract was signed between the County and the City.

Mr. Finney said that Burgess & Niple was asked to give a ballpark estimate of how much it might cost to upgrade the Wastewater Treatment Plant to handle the additional load from the County. B & N responded that it would cost the City \$14,000 to get an estimate from them. Mr. Finney said that earlier estimates had indicated that upgrades would cost between \$3 million to \$3.5 million.

The Streets Department has asked that \$12,000 be added to their budget for a snow blade and salt spreader for the new dump truck. After a short discussion, the Commissioners agreed to add this cost to the budget.

The Commission continued the meeting to the Gallia County Courthouse to join the meeting of the Gallia County Commissioners, beginning at 11 a.m.

Those attending the Gallia County Commission meeting, in addition to those listed above, were:

H. Joe Foster, President, Gallia County Commission  
Justin L. Fallon, Vice-President, Gallia County Commission  
Lois Snyder, Member, Gallia County Commission  
Karen Sprague, Gallia County Administrator  
Melissa Clark, Gallia County Director of Economic and Community Development  
Michelle Miller, Gallipolis Daily Tribune  
Lana Lane                      Clint Patterson                      John Burnette

County Commission President Joe Foster welcomed City officials to the meeting. He invited the City Manager to speak. Mr. Finney informed the County Commissioners of the cost to upgrade the Wastewater Treatment Facility and distributed copies of the sewer rate increases and projected revenues. Ms. Sprague said that the County was aware of the rate increases.

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President Foster asked the City's feelings concerning the proposed contract for both phases of the Green Township project. Ms. Sprague stated that the engineer needed to know by sometime in March whether to submit for stimulus dollars for construction of a separate county facility or for connection to the City's facility. Commissioners discussed jointly requesting funding for City upgrades along with the County's funding requests. The County requested that the City Commission sign four originals of the Green Township contract if they are satisfied with the wording.

Mr. Johnson told the County Commissioners that the City met on Saturday to discuss plans for a new City Building. Unless the County is seriously interested in participating in a joint venture to rehabilitate Davis Hall, the City has decided to abandon plans to preserve the building. The County Commissioners responded that they could not justify the cost of participating in such a project. Ms. Clark has applied for Brownfields funding for asbestos abatement and demolition of the building.

Mr. Johnson asked for the County's cooperation on projects to benefit the City. There followed a brief discussion of other programs that the City might wish to utilize, including the Main Street 101 Program, the ODOB Downtown Revitalization Program, and CDBG grants. Ms. Sprague invited the City to attend meetings related to these programs.

Mr. Wallis ended the joint meeting with the comment that President Cozza was unable to attend this meeting due to a medical procedure. Mr. Cremeens again stated the view of the current City Commission that what benefits the County benefits the City and vice versa.

  
Clerk, City Commission

  
President, City Commission