

**GALION CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING (via Zoom)
January 26, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**

The January 26, 2021 meeting of Galion City Council held via Zoom was called to order by President Carl Watt. The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by a moment of silence.

Clerk of Council Julie Bell called roll with the following members present: Ms. Ault, Mr. Bodkins, Ms. Erlsten, Dr. Fellner, Mr. Ivy, Mr. Richart, and Mr. Triplett.

The roll call for elected officials and officials required by Council Rules and the Ohio Revised Code to be present was called with the following present: Mayor O'Leary, Auditor Baldinger, Director of Law Palmer, and Safety-Service Director Ward.

President Watt asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the January 12, 2021 regular meeting. Ms. Erlsten made the motion to approve as presented. Mr. Richart seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

President Watt asked for a motion to add Ordinance No. 2021-6 to the agenda. Dr. Fellner made the motion which was seconded by Ms. Ault. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

President Watt asked for a motion to add Ordinance No. 2021-9 to the agenda. Mr. Ivy made the motion which was seconded by Dr. Fellner. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

President Watt asked for a motion to add Ordinance No. 2021-10 to the agenda. Ms. Ault made the motion which was seconded by Mr. Ivy. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

President Watt asked for a motion to add Resolution No. 2021-4 to the agenda. Ms. Erlsten made the motion which was seconded by Mr. Triplett. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

President Watt asked for a motion to add Ordinance No. 2021-11 to the agenda. Dr. Fellner made the motion. The motion died for the lack of a second.

President Watt asked for a motion to add Resolution No. 2021-5 to the agenda. Mr. Richart made the motion which was seconded by Mr. Triplett. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to approve the agenda as amended which was seconded by Mr. Ivy. Motion carried 7-0.

Legislation

Ordinance No. 2021-4 (First Reading)

An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2020-92 (Permanent 2021 Appropriations) by making a correction to the General Fund Total, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Richart made the motion to amend Section 2 no. 2 from \$37,877,419.00 to \$36,817,224.00. Ms. Ault seconded the motion. The roll call on the amendment resulted as follows: Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Richart made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on the amended Ordinance No. 2021-4. Mr. Ivy seconded the motion. The roll call resulted as follows: Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Triplett made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2021-4 as amended. Mr. Bodkins seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2021-4 resulted as follows: Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Ault, yea. Motion carried 7-0 and Ordinance No. 2021-4 passed for final reading.

Ordinance No. 2021-5 (First Reading)

An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2020-92 (Permanent 2021 Appropriations) by appropriating and transferring funds in various funds and declaring an emergency.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2021-5. Mr. Bodkins seconded the motion. The roll call resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Ms. Ault, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Triplett made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2021-5. Mr. Bodkins seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2021-5 resulted as follows: Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Ault, yea. Motion carried 7-0 and Ordinance No. 2021-5 passed for final reading.

Ordinance No. 2021-6 (First Reading)

An ordinance authorizing the Safety-Service Director to accept certain easements and acquisitions of property relating to two (2) Parcels adjacent to the State Route 598 Widening Project, to execute any and all documents relating thereto and to pay the owners of said parcels the negotiated amounts for the acquisition of said property rights, and declaring an emergency.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2021-6. Ms. Erlsten seconded the motion. The roll call resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Ivy made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2021-6. Mr. Richart seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2021-6 resulted as follows: Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea. Motion carried 7-0 and Ordinance No. 2021-6 passed for final reading.

Ordinance No. 2021-7 (First Reading)

An ordinance authorizing the Fire Chief and/ or Safety-Service Director to apply for and accept a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agenda (FEMA) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) under the Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Program in the amount of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000), and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Triplett made the motion to add the language “and accept” to the ordinance. Ms. Erlsten seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follow: Mr. Triplett, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Triplett made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on amended Ordinance No. 2021-7. Mr. Bodkins seconded the motion. The roll call resulted as follows: Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Ault, yea,. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Richart made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2021-7 as amended. Mr. Bodkins seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2021-7 resulted as follows: Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Ms. Ault, yea. Motion carried 7-0 and Ordinance No. 2021-7 passed for final reading.

Ordinance No. 2021-8 (First Reading)

An ordinance authorizing the Fire Chief and/ or Safety-Service Director to apply for a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agenda (FEMA) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) under the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program in the total amount of Forty Eight Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Two Dollars (\$48,432), and declaring an emergency.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2021-8. Ms. Erlsten seconded the motion. The roll call resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Triplett made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2021-8. Mr. Bodkins seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2021-8 resulted as follows: Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Ault, yea. Motion carried 7-0 and Ordinance No. 2021-8 passed for final reading.

Ordinance No. 2021-9 (First Reading)

An ordinance authorizing and directing the Safety-Service Director to apply for and accept a Save America's Treasures Program Grant for the Big Four Depot, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Richart made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2021-9. Ms. Erlsten seconded the motion. The roll call resulted as follows: Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Richart made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2021-9. Mr. Triplett seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2021-9 resulted as follows: Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea. Motion carried 7-0 and Ordinance No. 2021-9 passed for final reading.

Ordinance No. 2021-10 (First Reading)

An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2020-92 (Permanent 2021 Appropriations) transferring funds to the Health Department Fund and declaring an emergency.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2021-10. Mr. Ivy seconded the motion. The roll call resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Triplett made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2021-10. Mr. Bodkins seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2021-10 resulted as follows: Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Ault, yea. Motion carried 7-0 and Ordinance No. 2021-10 passed for final reading.

Resolution No. 2021-4 (First Reading)

A resolution approving and ratifying the prior acts of the Department Heads and Safety-Service Director and approving a "Then and Now" Certificate for said expenditure, and declaring an emergency.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Resolution No. 2021-4. Ms. Erlsten seconded the motion. The roll call resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Richart made the motion to pass Resolution No. 2021-4. Mr. Triplett seconded the motion. The roll call on Resolution No. 2021-4 resulted as follows: Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea. Motion carried 7-0 and Resolution No. 2021-4 passed for final reading.

Resolution No. 2021-5 (First Reading)

A resolution approving the appointment of Candace Yocum to the Galion City Health Board, as appointed by the City Mayor; and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Erlsten made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Resolution No. 2021-5. Mr. Richart seconded the motion. The roll call resulted as follows: Ms. Erlsten, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Triplett made the motion to pass Resolution No. 2021-5. Mr. Bodkins seconded the motion. The roll call on Resolution No. 2021-5 resulted as follows: Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Richart, yea. Motion carried 7-0 and Resolution No. 2021-5 passed for final reading.

Upcoming committees:

Laws, Ordinances, Zoning, and Permits – February 2, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Utilities – February 3, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Parks and Recreation - February 10, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Finance – February 17, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Police, Fire and Health – February 18, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Economic Development and Airport – February 16, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Streets, Alleys, Trees, & Bridges – February 11, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Mr. Ivy asked about meeting in chambers again.

Ms. Erlsten and Ms. Ault created a survey. Their efforts were applauded. Deadline for the survey is March 1, 2021.

Auditor's Report

Books are open for the year. Purchase orders are out. Will be having an Investment Committee Meeting

Treasurer's Report

Not in attendance

Director of Law

Nothing for tonight.

Mayor's Report

Supports the efforts to get more information regarding the Freese Center.

SR 598 continues to move ahead. Trying to include a left turn lane from Brandt Road toward US 30. Reasoning is that the former PECO property and a new industrial building.

Next Wednesday will have 3 or 4 items for the Parks and Recreation Committee agenda.

Working on an operational plan for the Central Hotel. Reassure the residents.

President of Council

Nothing

There being no further business to discuss President Watt asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Triplett made the motion and Ms. Erlsten seconded. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Carl W. Watt, President of Council

Julie L. Bell, Clerk of Council