

**GALION CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
February 26, 2019**

The February 26, 2019 meeting of Galion City Council was called to order by President Watt. The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by a moment of silence.

Clerk of Council Julie Bell called roll with the following members present: Mr. Baldinger, Ms. Clark, Mr. Comerford, Ms. Erlsten, Dr. Fellner, Mr. Richart, and Mr. Triplett.

The excusing of Dr. Fellner for February 12, 2019 was needed due to an oversight. Mr. Triplett made the motion which was seconded by Mr. Comerford to excuse Dr. Fellner for the February 12, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.

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, Director of Law Palmer, Treasurer Sparks, and SSD Ward.

Department Heads in attendance: Matt Echelberry

President Watt asked for a motion to approve the minutes from February 12, 2019 regular meeting. Mr. Baldinger made the motion to approve. Ms. Erlsten seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

President Watt asked for a motion to add Ordinance No. 2019-9 to the agenda. Ms. Erlsten made the motion which was seconded by Ms. Clark. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Baldinger, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

President Watt asked for a motion to add Resolution No. 2019-2 to the agenda. Mr. Baldinger made the motion which was seconded by Mr. Triplett. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Baldinger, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

President Watt asked for a motion to add Resolution No. 2019-3 to the agenda. Mr. Triplett made the motion which was seconded by Ms. Clark. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Baldinger, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, 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. Richart. Motion carried 7-0.

Citizen Comments

Jim Gerstenslager spoke about an upcoming bus tour being put on the Big Four Depot. It is scheduled for May 5, 2019 and will go to Toledo and to Bellevue. Flyers were passed out with the details.

Harry Weir, 516 Elmwood Drive. Galion, Ohio – spoke about the RID ordinance. Expressed concerns over the 10 year age limit on manufactured homes. It was contradictory to other parts of the zoning code.

Legislation

Ordinance No. 2019-5 (Third Reading)

An Ordinance enacting Chapter 1137 of the Galion Planning and Zoning Code by establishing the Single Family Residential District R1-D and the purpose, permitted uses, and development standards therefor. After some discussion Mr. Triplett made the motion to send this ordinance back to committee. Mr. Comerford seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Ms. Clark, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Ordinance No. 2019-7 (First Reading)

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2018-71 (Permanent 2019 Appropriations) by appropriating from unappropriated funds 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. 2019-7 due to the need to meet financial obligations. Mr. Richart seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follow: Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea,. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Richart made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2019-7. Ms. Clark seconded the motion. The roll call vote resulted as follows: Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea. Motion carried 7-0 and Ordinance No. 2019-7 passed for a final reading.

Ordinance No. 2019-8 (First Reading)

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2018-71 (Permanent 2019 Appropriations) by appropriating from unappropriated funds and transferring funds in General and Airport Funds, and declaring an emergency. This Ordinance was held to a first reading.

Ordinance No. 2019-9 (First Reading)

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to submit an application to the State of Ohio Department of Development Service Agency, for approval to use Community Development Block Grant Funds for addressing areas of Slum and Blight, authorizing submittal to the State of Ohio for approval, and declaring an emergency. This Ordinance was held to a first reading.

Resolution No. 2019-2 (First Reading)

A Resolution approving the appointment of Brittany Craft to the Galion City Health Board, as appointed by the Mayor.

Mr. Baldinger made the motion to add the emergency clause to the caption (it was in the body of the ordinance). Mr. Richart seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Baldinger made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Resolution No. 2019-2 due to the need for Health Board to have a quorum. Mr. Richart seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follow: Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Richart made the motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-2. Mr. Baldinger seconded the motion. The roll call vote resulted as follows: Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea. Motion carried 7-0 and Resolution No. 2019-2 passed for a final reading.

Resolution No. 2019-3 (First Reading)

A Resolution approving the appointment of Zabrina Spillman to the Galion City Health Board, as appointed by the Mayor.

Mr. Baldinger made the motion to add the emergency clause to the caption (it was in the body of the ordinance). Ms. Clark seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Baldinger, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Baldinger made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Resolution No. 2019-3 due to the need for Health Board to have a quorum. Mr. Richart seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follow: Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Ms. Erlsten made the motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-3. Mr. Triplett seconded the motion. The roll call vote resulted as follows: Ms. Erlsten, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, , Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Richart, yea. Motion carried 7-0 and Resolution No. 2019-3 passed for a final reading.

Other Business

Upcoming committees:

Laws, Ordinances, Zoning, and Permits – March 5, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Utilities – March 6, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Parks and Recreation – March 13, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Finance – March 20, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Police, Fire and Health – February 27, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. - CANCELLED

Economic Development and Airport – March 19, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Streets, Alleys, Trees, & Bridges – March 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Auditor's Report

Not in attendance

Treasurer's Report

Reconciliation is done. Investment Committee had a meeting. Looking at debt vs. paying from fund balances – advantages / disadvantages.

Director of Law

Contract going well. Currently fully staffed. Legal Assistant Michael Bear is bearing fruit working on a project. A handful of properties owned by the city that we are paying taxes on. Reducing taxes the city pays. Julie Bell still works 8 hours a week for my office. Barb Letizia announced that should would not be a retire / rehire as originally intended. Currently working with Jim Scott about possibly using the Crawford County Victim advocate.

Mayor's Report

Some promotions / internal transfers are taking place. Losing some operators to meter readers. Civil Service will be meeting Thursday regarding MEO and meter reader positions.

The Mayor gave council a heads up regarding the savings on premiums with UHC vs MMO. Seems to be a prescription issue concerning the tiers.

The Mayor announced that he intends to write a letter of support for the gas tax increase. Maybe have the committee look at it and possibly pass a resolution as well.

President of Council

March 12 – Chamber Breakfast at Gracepoint. Touched on how emails addressed to the entire council should be addressed.

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 8:26 p.m.

Carl W. Watt
Council President

Julie L. Bell
Clerk of Council