

**GALION CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
March 12, 2019**

The March 12, 2019 meeting of Galion City Council was called to order by President Watt. The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by an invocation by Bill Seymour, Church of Nazarene/Signature Healthcare Chaplain.

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 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, and Treasurer Sparks.

Department Heads in attendance: Matt Echelberry

President Watt asked for a motion to approve the minutes from February 26, 2019 regular meeting. Mr. Comerford made the motion to approve as amended. Mr. Baldinger seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Comerford made the motion to approve the agenda as presented which was seconded by Mr. Richart. Motion carried 7-0.

**Citizen Comments**

Terry Gribble- Director of the Galion Center YMCA made the presentation for managing the swimming pool and the Splash Park for 2019. The pool will be open June 1 through August 17. Due to most of the employees being either High School or College students it is harder to keep it open any later. The Splash Park will be open Memorial Day through Labor Day. Both will be open from 1 pm to 7 pm. For consistency. The fee will need to increase \$1.00 per hour due to the increase in minimum wage. Income is down at the pool. Some may be due to the splash park. They are already receiving calls about pool passes.

**Public Hearing**

A public hearing was held regarding the rezoning of property on SR 598. It was recently annexed to the city and when annexed it automatically comes in as Rural Estate. The proposed zoning is to be Industrial Park. The public hearing began at 7:08 p.m. and concluded at 7:10 p.m.

**Legislation**

**Ordinance No. 2019-8 (Second 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.

Dr. Fellner made the motion, based upon the repairs needing to be made, to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2019-8. Mr. Triplett seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Mr. Richart, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Triplett made the motion to approved Ordinance No. 2019-8. Mr. Richart seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea. Motion carried 7-0 and Ordinance No. 2019-8 passed for a final reading.

**Ordinance No. 2019-9 (Second 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.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2019-9. Ms. Erlsten seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Triplett made the motion to approved Ordinance No. 2019-9. Mr. Baldinger seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Richart, yea. Motion carried 7-0 and Ordinance No. 2019-9 passed for a final reading.

### **Ordinance No. 2019-10 (First Reading)**

An Ordinance adopting the recommendation of the City of Galion Planning Commission and rezoning permanent parcel identification numbers (PIN) 48-00-08462-100, 48-00-08462-001, 48-00-08462-003, and 48-00-08462-004 from (RE) Rural Estate to (IP) General Commercial.

A motion to amend the caption to read Industrial Park rather than General Commercial was made by Mr. Comerford. Mr. Richart seconded the motion. The roll call vote on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Comerford, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea. Motion passed 7-0. This Ordinance was held to a first reading.

### **Other Business**

Upcoming committees:

Laws, Ordinances, Zoning, and Permits –

Utilities –

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

Finance – March 20, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Police, Fire and Health – March 27, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Dr. Fellner announced that he would not be attendance at the March 19 and March 20 Committee meetings nor the March 26 council meeting.

### **Auditor's Report**

Year has started out pretty well as far as income tax. Not a lot for the Finance Committee at this time.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Completed the reconciliation this morning. \$19.4M. GAAP conversion is currently being done.

### **Director of Law**

Thomas stated that he has something for the Police, Fire, and Health Committee meeting.

### **Mayor's Report**

The Mayor will populate the committees:

Parks and Recreation – wants to go over the Freese projects. Friday is the deadline for submitting projects.

Economic Development and Airport – hope to talk about an incentive for a new business regarding the electric rates. May be a request for Municipal Income Tax Credit. 30-40 full time positions.

Finance – not too soon to start talking about liquidating some debt vs. increased borrowing.

The apartment complex. The lot split has been recording and a meeting has been set with the BZA and then the Housing Advisory Council will meet to discuss the CRA. Then go through the committee process and then on to council.

President of Council

Good attendance at the Business Forecast Breakfast. The Mayor was a speaker.

Dr. Fellner announces that the reason he was missing some meetings due to a mission trip to Africa. Welcomed thoughts and prayers.

Brian Treisch announced the Lonnie Eagle Kiwanis Chili night. See him or any member for tickets.

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 7:38 p.m.

**Carl W. Watt**  
**Council President**

**Julie L. Bell**  
**Clerk of Council**