

**GALION CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
March 28, 2017**

The March 28, 2017 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, Mrs. Bean, Ms. Clark, Mr. Comerford, Dr. Fellner, Mr. Hedges 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 Treisch, Treasurer Sparks, Director of Law Palmer and Safety-Service Director Ward.

Department Heads in attendance: Bob Johnston, Chief Saterfield, Trish Factor, and Matt Echelberry.

President Watt asked for a motion to approve the minutes from March 14, 2017. Mr. Comerford made the motion to approve the minutes which was seconded by Mr. Triplett. Motion carried.

President Watt asked for a motion to add Ordinance No. 2018-18 to the agenda. Mr. Baldinger made the motion seconded by Mrs. Bean. Roll call resulted as follows: Mr. Baldinger, yea Mrs. Bean, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Hedges, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Comerford made the motion to approve the agenda as amended seconded by Ms. Clark. Motion carried.

**Public Comments**

Mrs. Ann Heimlich voiced complaints about a property she owned and the eviction process. She was of the opinion Mr. Keller and Mr. Palmer were not doing their jobs in that regard. She read the Serenity Prayer. She also spoke about the window situation at the building she was selling at 107 Harding Way East. She suggested a solution of gluing pieces of wood to the windows in order to make them “historical.” She left immediately following her comments.

**Legislation**

**Ordinance No. 2017-14 (Second Reading)**

Entitled an Ordinance requesting the Trustees of the Egbert M. Freese Foundation to distribute income therefrom to the City of Galion for the purposes outlined herein, and declaring an emergency.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to approve seconded by Mr. Baldinger.

The roll call on Ordinance No. 2017-14 resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mrs. Bean, yea, Ms. Clark, nay, Mr. Comerford, yea, Mr. Hedges, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea,. Motion carried by a vote of 6-1 and Ordinance No. 2017-14 passed for a second reading.

**Ordinance No. 2017-15 (Second Reading)**

Entitled an Ordinance revising current and establishing rental rates for various city owned properties and repealing inconsistent ordinances and resolutions.

Mr. Hedges made the motion to approve seconded by Mrs. Bean.

The roll call on Ordinance No. 2017-15 resulted as follows: Mr. Hedges, yea, Mrs. Bean, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea,. Motion carried by a vote of 7-0 and Ordinance No. 2017-15 passed for a second reading.

**Ordinance No. 2017-16 (First Reading)**

Entitled an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2016-106 (Permanent 2017 Appropriations) by appropriating from unappropriated funds and transferring funds in various funds and declaring an emergency.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to approve seconded by Mr. Triplett.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2017-16. Mr. Triplett seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mrs. Bean, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Mr. Hedges, yea. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

The roll call on Ordinance No. 2017-16 resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mrs. Bean, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Mr. Hedges, yea. Motion carried by a vote of 7-0 and Ordinance No. 2017-16 passed for a final reading.

**Ordinance No. 2017-17 (First Reading)**

Entitled an Ordinance establishing the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Fund (414), and declaring an emergency.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to approve seconded by Mr. Baldinger.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2017-17. Mr. Triplett seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mrs. Bean, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Mr. Hedges, yea. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

The roll call on Ordinance No. 2017-17 resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mrs. Bean, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Mr. Hedges, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea. Motion carried by a vote of 7-0 and Ordinance No. 2017-17 passed for a final reading.

**Ordinance No. 2017-18 (First Reading)**

Entitled an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2016-106 (Permanent 2017 Appropriations) by appropriating from unappropriated funds in the Stormwater Fund and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Baldinger made the motion to approve seconded by Dr. Fellner.

Mr. Comerford made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2017-18. Mr. Baldinger seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Comerford, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mrs. Bean, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Hedges, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea,. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

The roll call on Ordinance No. 2017-18 resulted as follows: Mr. Baldinger, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Hedges, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mrs. Bean, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea. Motion carried by a vote of 7-0 and Ordinance No. 2017-18 passed for a final reading.

**Resolution No. 2017-7 (First Reading)**

Entitled a Resolution approving and ratifying the prior acts of the Department Heads and the Safety-Service Director and approving a “Then and Now” Certificate for said expenditure, and declaring an emergency.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to approve seconded by Mrs. Bean.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Resolution No. 2017-7. Mr. Hedges seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Hedges, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mrs. Bean, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

The roll call on Resolution No. 2017-7 resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Mrs. Bean, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Mr. Hedges, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea. Motion carried by a vote of 7-0 and Resolution No. 2017-7 passed for a final reading.

#### Other Business

Upcoming committees:

Laws, Ordinances, Zoning & Permits –April 4 2017 - 7:00 p.m.

Police, Fire and Health – March 29, 2017– 7:00 p.m. - CANCELLED

Utilities –April 5, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Finance – April 19, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Economic Development and Airport – April 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Parks and Recreation – April 12, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

President Pro tempore Baldinger ran the meeting for the discussion on the Fox Winery Liquor Permit – after discussion there was no motion to request a hearing on the permit.

#### Auditor's Report

No Report – moving forward with meeting with State Auditor on April 5, 2017 at 1 p.m.

#### Treasurer's Report

No Report

#### Director of Law

Spoke about the comments made by Mrs. Heimlich about the Law Department. She is not aware of how the department works. Mr. Keller is on top of things and is very good at his job. Expressed his complete confidence in Mr. Keller.

#### Mayor's Report

Activity has begun on the Duke Station project. Two major projects are moving from FY 2017 to FY 2018 –Charles Street Sewer and Zuber Ditch project. The Zuber Ditch project has an old easement and a new easement should be completed.

A few hundred letter were mailed out about the Portland Way North project meeting being held on April 5, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

#### President of Council

Ralphie's is supposed to be opening April 17.

President Watt asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Triplett made the motion seconded by Mr. Hedges. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

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

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