

**GALION CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
June 11, 2019**

The June 11, 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, Mr. Comerford, Ms. Erlsten, Dr. Fellner, Mr. Richart, and Mr. Triplett.

Mr. Triplett made the motion to excuse Ms. Clark. Dr. Fellner seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

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, Director of Law Palmer, and Safety Service Director Ward.

Department Heads in attendance: Chief Saterfield and Matt Echelberry

President Watt asked for a motion to approve the minutes from May 28, 2019 regular meeting. Mr. Baldinger made the motion to approve as presented. Dr. Fellner seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

President Watt asked for a motion to add Ordinance No. 2019-36 to the agenda. Mr. Richart made the motion and Mr. Comerford seconded. The roll call resulted as follows: Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea. Motion carried 6-0.

President Watt asked for a motion to add Ordinance No. 2019-38 to the agenda. Mr. Richart made the motion and Mr. Baldinger seconded. The roll call resulted as follows: Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea. Motion carried 6-0.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to approve the agenda as amended which was seconded by Mr. Triplett. Motion carried 6-0.

Legislation

Ordinance No. 2019-30 Third Reading)

An Ordinance creating the Galion Port Authority, consenting to appointment by the Mayor of the initial members of the Board of Directors of the Galion Port Authority, providing for organization of the Galion Port Authority, and declaring an emergency.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to amend the ordinance to read seven Board of Director members instead of five. Mr. Baldinger seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Comerford made the motion to amend the heading of Ordinance 2019-30 to remove the phrase “consenting to appointment by the Mayor of the initial members of the Board of Directors of the Galion Port Authority” Dr. Fellner seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Comerford, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Motion carried 6-0.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2019-30 as amended. Mr. Comerford seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea. Motion carried 6-0 and Ordinance No. 2019-30 passed for a third and final reading.

Resolution No. 2019-5 (Second Reading)

A Resolution responding to the recommendations of the Tax Incentive Review Council for Crawford County regarding projects granted tax abatements within the City of Galion.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Resolution No. 2019-5. Mr. Baldinger seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Comerford made the motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-5. Dr. Fellner seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Comerford, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea. Motion carried 6-0 and Resolution No. 2019-5 passed for a Final reading.

Ordinance No. 2019-36 (First Reading)

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2018-71 (Permanent 2019 Appropriations) by appropriating from unappropriated funds in the Unclaimed Moneys Fund and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Triplett made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2019-36. Mr. Richart seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea. Motion carried 6-0.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2019-36. Mr. Triplett seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Mr. Richart, yea. Motion carried 6-0 and Ordinance No. 2019-36 passed for a Final reading.

Ordinance No. 2019-37 (First Reading)

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2018-71 (Permanent 2019 Appropriations) by appropriating from unappropriated funds in the General – Drug Law Fund and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Baldinger made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2019-37. Mr. Triplett seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Richart, yea. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Comerford made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2019-37. Mr. Baldinger seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Comerford, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea. Motion carried 6-0 and Ordinance No. 2019-37 passed for a Final reading.

Ordinance No. 2019-38 (First Reading)

An Ordinance authorizing the Safety-Service Director to purchase under the State Purchasing Program, pursuant to R.C. 125.04 (B) with competitive bidding, three 2020 Police Interceptor vehicles from Lebanon Ford through the Ford Credit Municipal Finance Program, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Triplett made a motion to amend the ordinance to reflect the correct Ordinance No. of 2019-38 instead of 2019-24. Mr. Comerford seconded the motion. The roll call resulted as follows: Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Comerford made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2019-38. Mr. Baldinger seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Comerford, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea. Motion carried 6-0.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2019-38. Mr. Triplett seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Mr. Richart, yea. Motion carried 6-0 and Ordinance No. 2019-38 passed for a Final reading.

Other Business

Upcoming committees:

Laws, Ordinances, Zoning, and Permits –

Utilities –

Parks and Recreation – June 12, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Finance – June 19, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Police, Fire and Health – June 26, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Economic Development and Airport – June 18, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Streets, Alleys, Trees, & Bridges – June 13, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Comerford stated he has had contact from citizens regarding the tree issues and powerlines, residence vacated and not secured that have various animals living in it and open burning in town.

Auditor's Report

Stated that he has the GAAP converted financial statements available. Audit starts tomorrow.

Treasurer's Report

Not in attendance

Director of Law

Nothing

Mayor's Report

Thanked council for their support of the port authority.

Stated that the tree thing has many elements. Could have issues with those that have paid to get theirs done. There is a huge tree list going back to 1995. Feels strongly that if a tree trimming crew is started it should be in the service department vs. the line department. Electric fund should not be charged for trees that are not impacting electric lines. Could possibly expand the trimming contract used by the electric department.

President of Council

August 17, 2019 there will be a WWI parade at 10:00 a.m.

There will be an open house for his 60th wedding anniversary at Fox Winery from 1-4 p. on June 29, 2019.

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 7:45 p.m.

Carl W. Watt
Council President

Julie L. Bell
Clerk of Council