

**GALION CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
June 25, 2019**

The June 25, 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 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 (7:02), Auditor Treisch, Director of Law Palmer, Treasurer Sparks, and Safety Service Director Ward.

Department Heads in attendance: None

President Watt asked for a motion to approve the minutes from June 11, 2019 regular meeting. Mr. Baldinger made the motion to approve as presented. Dr. Fellner seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

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

Legislation

Ordinance No. 2019-39 First Reading)

An Ordinance authorizing the submission and acceptance of VOCA / SVAA grants from the Ohio Attorney General and authorizing the Safety Service Director and Director of Law to sign the necessary grant documents pertaining thereto, and declaring an emergency.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2019-39. Ms. Clark seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Richart made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2019-39. Mr. Baldinger seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion 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 Ordinance No. 2019-39 passed for final reading.

Ordinance No. 2019-40 (First Reading)

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2018-71 (Permanent 2019 Appropriations) by transferring fund and appropriating funds from unappropriated funds in various funds and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Richart made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2019-40. Mr. Triplett seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Triplett made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2019-40. 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 and Ordinance No. 2019-40 passed for a Final reading.

Other Business

Upcoming committees:

Laws, Ordinances, Zoning, and Permits – July 2, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Utilities – July 3, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Parks and Recreation – July 10, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Finance – July 17, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Economic Development and Airport – July 16, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Streets, Alleys, Trees, & Bridges – July 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Auditor's Report

The auditors have come and left. They found a \$2.00 billing error.

Treasurer's Report

Report has been sent out.

Director of Law

Updated on the Firearms legislation passed by the state. Have until the end of 2019 to have our ordinances repealed. Columbus and Cincinnati have sued.

Mayor's Report

Expressed concern over the city's amendment to their Downtown grant not being processed until after the county does their Formula amendment. They are two different grants. Trying to get the sidewalk replacements in. He explained that the county's first intended to use their formula allocation for a waterline to Oceola. Wasn't ready with that project so they moved to a sewer and septic project. That one is not ready do they are now submitting to have the money used to install an elevator in the justice center in a nonpublic area. The just got a permanent levy approved by the voters for maintenance at the facility. Is not happy about this use of the funding. The city requested additional funds to do more demolition and believed Bucyrus did the same. Money needs spent or it will have to go back to the state. This grant used to come to the city directly. Then it was moved to the county and most recently it has gone from annually to every other year.

The 28th is ship date for the splash park toys. Pavilion Restroom is on its way. The permitting process has slowed this project down.

Ms. Erlsten asked for an update on the \$30,000 the city agreed to use for demolition. The mayor said it may be used for a commercial property.

President of Council

President Watt agreed with the Mayor on his points concerning the Formula grant use at the Justice Center

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 7:32 p.m.

Carl W. Watt
Council President

Julie L. Bell
Clerk of Council