

**GALION CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
June 27, 2017**

The June 27, 2017 meeting of Galion City Council was called to order by President Carl 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, Director of Law Palmer, Treasurer Sparks, and Safety-Service Director Ward.

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

President Watt asked for a motion to approve the minutes from June 13, 2017. Mr. Hedges made the motion to approve the minutes which was seconded by Mrs. Bean. Motion carried.

President Watt asked for a motion to add Ordinance No. 2017-33 to the agenda. Dr. Fellner made the motion seconded by Ms. Clark. 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.

President Watt asked for a motion to add Ordinance No. 2017-34 to the agenda. Dr. Fellner made the motion seconded by Mr. Baldinger. 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.

President Watt asked for a motion to add Ordinance No. 2017-35 to the agenda. Mr. Baldinger made the motion seconded by Dr. Fellner. 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.

President Watt asked for a motion to add Ordinance No. 2017-36 to the agenda. Mr. Hedges 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.

President Watt asked for a motion to add Ordinance No. 2017-37 to the agenda. Mrs. Bean made the motion seconded by Mr. Baldinger. 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.

President Watt asked for a motion to add Ordinance No. 2017-38 to the agenda. Dr. Fellner made the motion seconded by Ms. Clark. 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.

President Watt asked for a motion to add Ordinance No. 2017-39 to the agenda. Mr. Hedges made the motion seconded by Dr. Fellner. 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.

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

**Public Comments**

Betty Enderle, 880 S. Market St., Galion, OH. Ms. Enderle spoke to council about the debris on the property and porch of the property located at 864 S. Market Street. She also spoke regarding the vehicles located on the property. She felt this property diminished her property values due to the condition. She has sought help before but felt that nothing was being done.

## **Legislation**

### **Ordinance No. 2017-22 (Third Reading)**

Entitled an Ordinance amending Section 1 of Ordinance No. 2016-40, as amended, regarding the number of authorized employees by classification, in each city department; and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Comerford made the motion to approve seconded by Ms. Clark.

The roll call on Ordinance No. 2017-22 resulted as follows: Mr. Comerford, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Hedges, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mrs. Bean, yea. Motion carried by a vote of 7-0 and Ordinance No. 2017-22 passed for a third and final reading. (Due to there already being a 2017-22 this Ordinance for future reference is Ordinance No. 2017-40)

### **Ordinance No. 2017-29 (First Reading)**

Entitled an Ordinance authorizing the Safety-Service Director to apply for and accept a FY 2017 U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Program Grant, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Baldinger made the motion to approve seconded by Mr. Hedges.

Mr. Baldinger made the motion to amend the ordinance to reflect the word “grant” in the caption. Mr. Hedges seconded the motion. The roll call on the amendment resulted as follows: Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mr. Hedges, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mrs. Bean, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea. Motion carried by a vote 7-0.

Mr. Baldinger made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2017-29. Mr. Hedges seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mr. Hedges, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mrs. Bean, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

The roll call on Ordinance No. 2017-29 resulted as follows: : Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mr. Hedges, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mrs. Bean, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea. Motion carried by a vote of 7-0 and Ordinance No. 2017-29 passed for a Final reading.

### **Ordinance No. 2017-30 (First Reading)**

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

Mr. Baldinger made the motion to approve seconded by Ms. Clark.

Mr. Baldinger made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2017-30. Mr. Comerford seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Hedges, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mrs. Bean, yea, Ms. Clark, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

The roll call on Ordinance No. 2017-30 resulted as follows: : Mr. Baldinger, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Hedges, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mrs. Bean, yea. Motion carried by a vote of 7-0 and Ordinance No. 2017-30 passed for a Final reading.

### **Ordinance No. 2017-3 1(First Reading)**

Entitled an Ordinance adopting an amendment to the 2017 Financial Recovery Plan for the City of Galion, 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 Ordinance No. 2017-31. Mr. Triplett seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mr. Hedges, yea, Mrs. Bean, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

The roll call on Ordinance No. 2017-31 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 Ordinance No. 2017-31 passed for a Final reading.

**Ordinance No. 2017-32 (First Reading)**

Entitled an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2016-106 (Permanent 2017 Appropriations) by appropriating from unappropriated funds and transferring appropriations in the General Fund, 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. 2017-32. 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 Ordinance No. 2017-32 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. 2017-32 passed for a Final reading.

**Ordinance No. 2017-33 (First Reading)**

An Ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of notes in the principal amount of \$290,200, in anticipation of the issuance of bonds, for the purpose of paying the costs of improving and upgrading Portland Way North between certain termini by replacing roadway and sanitary sewers, together with all necessary appurtenances thereto, 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. 2017-33. Mr. Comerford seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Mr. Hedges, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mrs. Bean, yea, Ms. Clark, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

The roll call on Ordinance No. 2017-33 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. 2017-33 passed for a Final reading.

**Ordinance No. 2017-34 (First Reading)**

An Ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of notes in the principal amount of \$300,000, in anticipation of the issuance of bonds, for the purpose of paying the costs of improving the City's sanitary sewer system by constructing a lift station along State Route 61, together with related site improvements and all necessary appurtenances thereto, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Hedges made the motion to approve seconded by Ms. Clark.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2017-34. 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 Ordinance No. 2017-34 resulted as follows: : Mr. Hedges, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mrs. Bean, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea. Motion carried by a vote of 7-0 and Ordinance No. 2017-34 passed for a Final reading.

**Ordinance No. 2017-35 (First Reading)**

An Ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of notes in the principal amount of \$240,000, in anticipation of the issuance of bonds, for the purpose of paying the costs of acquiring and equipping two emergency medical vehicles, together with all necessary appurtenances thereto, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Baldinger made the motion to approve seconded by Ms. Clark.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2017-35. Mr. Baldinger seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion 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 7-0.

The roll call on Ordinance No. 2017-35 resulted as follows: Mr. Baldinger, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Hedges, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mrs. Bean, yea. Motion carried by a vote of 7-0 and Ordinance No. 2017-35 passed for a Final reading.

**Ordinance No. 2017-36 (First Reading)**

An Ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of notes in the principal amount of \$124,000, in anticipation of the issuance of bonds, for the purpose of paying the costs of acquiring a mower for use by the City's storm water system, together with all necessary appurtenances thereto, and declaring an emergency.

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

Dr. Fellner made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2017-36. 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 Ordinance No. 2017-36 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. 2017-36 passed for a Final reading.

**Ordinance No. 2017-37 (First Reading)**

An Ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of notes in the principal amount of \$731,000, in anticipation of the issuance of bonds, for the purpose of paying the costs of improving various public infrastructure improvements within and serving the Brandt Road area, including but not limited to the design and construction of approximately 500 lineal feet of roadway to access Brandt Road including the costs to widen and improve the intersection of State Route 598 and Brandt Road and costs to construct and add three lanes and turn lanes, construction of approximately 520 lineal feet of sanitary sewer, the installation of a lift station along State Route 598 and Brandt Road and construction of necessary storm water drainage systems for the property, together with all incidental work and related appurtenances thereto, and declaring an emergency.

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

Mr. Comerford made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2017-37. Dr. Fellner seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Comerford, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Hedges, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mrs. Bean, yea, Ms. Clark, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

The roll call on Ordinance No. 2017-37 resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Mr. Hedges, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mrs. Bean, yea, Ms. Clark, yea. Motion carried by a vote of 7-0 and Ordinance No. 2017-37 passed for a Final reading.

**Ordinance No. 2017-38 (First Reading)**

An Ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of notes in the principal amount of \$1,575,000, in anticipation of the issuance of bonds, for the purpose of paying the costs of improving and upgrading the City's electric distribution system by replacing lines, poles, conductors, insulators, transformers, and other auxiliary equipment, together with all necessary appurtenances thereto, and declaring an emergency.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to approve seconded by Ms. Clark.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2017-38. 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,. Motion carried 7-0.

The roll call on Ordinance No. 2017-38 resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Mr. Hedges, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mrs. Bean, yea,. Motion carried by a vote of 7-0 and Ordinance No. 2017-38 passed for a Final reading.

**Ordinance No. 2017-39 (First Reading)**

An Ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of notes in the principal amount of \$1,139,400, in anticipation of the issuance of bonds, for the purpose of paying the costs of (A) acquiring and equipping a fire truck for use by the City's fire department, together with all necessary appurtenances thereto, (B) acquiring and equipping two trucks for use by the City's street department, together with all necessary appurtenances thereto, (C) acquiring and equipping one truck including a utility bed for use by the city's sewer maintenance department, together with all necessary appurtenances thereto, and (D) improving the City's sewer treatment plant by acquiring screw pump equipment, together with all necessary appurtenances thereto, 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. 2017-39. 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 Ordinance No. 2017-39 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. 2017-39 passed for a Final reading.

**Resolution No. 2017-11 (First Reading)**

Entitled a Resolution approving and ratifying the prior acts of the Department Heads and Safety-Service Director and approving "Then and Now" Certificates for said expenditures, and declaring an emergency.

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

Dr. Fellner made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Resolution No. 2017-11. 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. 2017-11 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 by a vote of 7-0 and Resolution No. 2017-11 passed for a final reading.

**Resolution No. 2017-12 (First Reading)**

Entitled a Resolution authorizing the Safety-Service Director to enter into a real estate purchase agreement for acreage in Richland County, Ohio for the Galion Municipal Airport, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Comerford made the motion to approve seconded by Mr. Hedges.

Mr. Comerford made the motion to amend the purchase agreement to the revised one provided to council. Mr. Hedges seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Comerford, yea, Mr. Hedges, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mrs. Bean, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Comerford made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Resolution No. 2017-12. Mr. Hedges seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Comerford, yea, Mr. Hedges, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mrs. Bean, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

The roll call on Resolution No. 2017-12 resulted as follows: Mr. Comerford, yea, Mr. Hedges, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mrs. Bean, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea. Motion carried by a vote of 7-0 and Resolution No. 2017-12 passed for a final reading.

**Other Business**

Upcoming committees:

Laws, Ordinances, Zoning & Permits –July 5, 2017 - 7:00 p.m.

Police, Fire and Health – June 28, 2017– 7:00 p.m. - CANCELLED

Utilities –July 6, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.

Finance – July 19, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Economic Development and Airport – July 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.-

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

Ms. Clark announced that the South Park restrooms were in an awaiting final inspection.

**Auditor's Report**

Wished Thomas Palmer a Happy Birthday.

**Treasurer's Report**

Sent Reconciliations. Commended Auditor's office for their timely completion.

**Director of Law**

No report

**Mayor's Report**

Mayor O'Leary thanked Mr. Sparks for his aggressive investments. Revenues are ahead of schedule due to that and the employers that have added jobs.

PWN project got off to a bumpy start. Maintenance of traffic was to utilize the school lot. The school board chose to close their gates. Hit a gas line that was not marked correctly and in the process of repairing a sewer line was hit. Galion police are set up in a position to turn trucks around. Keeping in contact with the merchants.

President of Council

Pickle Run Festival this weekend (Bill Comerford will be in the dunk tank)  
Thankful that the mayor is improving.

President Watt asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Triplett made the motion seconded by Mr. Hedges seconded. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

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

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