

**GALION CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
September 11, 2018**

The September 11, 2018 meeting of Galion City Council was called to order by President Watt. The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by an invocation by Pastor Ash Welch of St. Paul United Methodist Church.

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, Auditor Treisch, and Director of Law Palmer. SSD Ward previously advised that she would not be in attendance.

Department Heads in attendance: Matt Echelberry

President Watt asked for a motion to approve the minutes from August 28, 2018 regular meeting. Mr. Baldinger made the motion to approve which was seconded by Ms. Clark. Motion carried.

President Watt asked for a motion to add Ordinance No. 2018-57 to the agenda. Mr. Triplett made the motion which was seconded by Mr. Richart. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Baldinger, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

President Watt asked for a motion to add Ordinance No. 2018-58 to the agenda. Mr. Richart made the motion which was seconded by Mr. Triplett. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Baldinger, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

President Watt asked for a motion to add Ordinance No. 2018-59 to the agenda. Ms. Clark made the motion which was seconded by Ms. Erlsten. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Baldinger, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

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

**Citizen Comments:**

Bob Cerar, 324 West Atwood Street, Galion, OH Requested that he had liked the change that was made to the traffic light at Market and Atwood Street. He saw that it was returned to a normal functioning light and would like to see it back to a four way stop.

**Public Hearing:**

A public hearing was held regarding the rezoning of Outlots 915, 916, 917. It was explained that outlots 915 and 916 were never zoned when the new zoning was put in place in 2009. These two are being zoned to correspond with the adjacent zoning. Outlot 917 reverted to Rural Estate after annexation. This parcel due to the current use needs to be zoned General Commercial. The presentation started at 7:06 pm and concluded at 7:12 pm.

**Legislation**

**Ordinance No. 2018-56 (First Reading)**

An Ordinance adopting the recommendation of the City of Galion Planning Commission and re-zoning Outlot NO. 917 from Zoning Classification RE (Rural Estate) to GC (General Commercial), zoning Outlot 916 as zoning classification R1B (Single Family Residence), zoning Outlot 915 as zoning classification R1C (Single Family Residence).

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

Mr. Richart made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2018-56. Dr. Fellner seconded the motion. It was discussed that this did not need to be rushed and may be better to let it go to another reading. Mr. Richart withdrew his motion and Dr. Fellner withdrew his second.

The roll call on Ordinance No. 2018-56 resulted as follows: Mr. Triplett, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea. Motion carried by a vote of 7-0 and Ordinance No. 2018-56 passed for a First Reading.

**Ordinance No. 2018-57 (First Reading)**

An Ordinance amending an error made in Section 8 of Ordinance No. 2018-52, and declaring an emergency.

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

Mr. Triplett made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2018-57. Mr. Richart seconded the motion. The roll call 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.

The roll call on Ordinance No. 2018-57 resulted as follows: Ms. Clark, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea. Motion carried by a vote of 7-0 and Ordinance No. 2018-57 passed for a Final Reading.

**Ordinance No. 2018-58 (First Reading)**

An Ordinance amending Section 945.01 of the City of Galion Codified Ordinances.

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

Mr. Baldinger made the motion to amend Section (h)(k)(1) from may be to “shall be”. Mr. Triplett seconded the motion. The roll call resulted as follows: Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Richart, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

The roll call on Ordinance No. 2018-58 resulted as follows: Mr. Richart, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea. Motion carried by a vote of 7-0 and Ordinance No. 2018-58 passed for a First Reading.

**Ordinance No. 2018-59 (First Reading)**

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2017-66 (Permanent 2018 Appropriations) by appropriating from unappropriated funds in various funds and declaring an emergency.

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

Mr. Triplett made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2018-59. 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, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Ms. Clark, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

The roll call on Ordinance No. 2018-59 resulted as follows:, Ms. Clark, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Richart, yea. Motion carried by a vote of 7-0 and Ordinance No. 2018-59 passed for a Final Reading.

**Other Business**

Upcoming committees:

Parks and Recreation – September 12, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Finance – September 19, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Police, Fire and Health – September 26, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Economic Development and Airport – September 18, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Streets, Alleys, Trees, & Bridges – September 13, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Auditor's Report

Mr. Treisch announced that the office will be closed for the next three days for training. Back in the office on Monday. Budget worksheets have been sent out. Audit Committee met to go over the 2017 Audit. Two minor points. One was an error in a GAAP conversion. The second was regarding an adjustment on utility bills that has been addressed. Auditor Treisch pointed out that in 2012 at this time the city had earned \$18,000 in interested income. For the same period in 2018 the city has earned \$165,655.00. He commended Treasurer Sparks, Council and the Administration for making the changes to make it possible.

Treasurer's Report

Reconciliation is done. 19.5M. Should have month end numbers next week.

Director of Law

Nothing much – running smooth. Submitted response to the state auditors.

Mayor's Report

The Mayor agreed with Brian on the interest but wanted to also commend the original treasurer Ms. Durbin for getting the ball rolling.

He agreed with Mr. Cerar on the light at Atwood and Market. Some accidents that happened caused it to be changed back. The can be discussed in Tammy's committee on Thursday along with additional paving with approximately \$47,000 in funds still available.

Parks and Recreation will be looking at the 5 year capital improvements for Freese funds.

Held a ribbon cutting on the new tennis courts. Look good. Not 100% satisfied. Need to complete striping on the Herpich courts but want to first address a low spot yet this fall.

President of Council

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 7:39 p.m.

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

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