

**GALION CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
September 26, 2017**

The September 26 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, Director of Law Palmer, and Auditor Treisch.

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

President Watt asked for a motion to approve the minutes from September 12, 2017. Mr. Baldinger made the motion to approve the minutes which was seconded by Mr. Triplett. Motion carried.

Mr. Comerford made a motion to add Ordinance No. 2017-56 to the agenda. Ms. Clark seconded the motion. The 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 a motion to add Ordinance No. 2017-57 to the agenda. Mr. Baldinger seconded the motion. The 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 a motion to add Ordinance No. 2017-58 to the agenda. Ms. Clark seconded the motion. The 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.

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

Public Comments

Howard Morrow, 400 7th Avenue, Galion, Ohio. Stated I got the latest tax map over at the engineer's office over in Crawford County and I got a bunch more down in the car. When you guys start voting on it I may want to make a few comments then and what I want to tell you, the map here says that this ground that you are asking for annexation was annexed in the ninth month of 2016. So it is already annexed so you don't have to go through it.

Legislation

Ordinance No. 2017-53 (Second Reading)

An Ordinance setting the Power Cost Adjustment as required per Ordinance No. 2015-39, and declaring an emergency.

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

Mr. Triplett made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2017-53. Dr. Fellner seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Triplett, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Hedges, no, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mrs. Bean, no, Ms. Clark, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea. Motion failed by a vote of 5-2.

The roll call on Ordinance No. 2017-53 resulted as follows: Mr. Triplett, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Hedges, no, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mrs. Bean, yea. Motion carried by a vote of 6-1 and Ordinance No. 2017-53 passed for a second reading..

Ordinance No. 2017-54 (First Reading)

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2016-106 (Permanent 2017 Appropriations) by appropriating from unappropriated 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. 2017-54. 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 passed by a vote of 7-0.

The roll call on Ordinance No. 2017-54 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. 2017-54 passed for a final reading.

Ordinance No. 2017-55 (First Reading)

An Ordinance authorizing the Safety-Service Director to contract for internet auction services to dispose of unneeded personal property owned by the City of Galion, and declaring an emergency.

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

The roll call on Ordinance No. 2017-55 resulted as follows: Mr. Hedges, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mrs. Bean, yea. Motion carried by a vote of 7-0 and Ordinance No. 2017-55 passed for a first reading.

Ordinance No. 2017-56 (First Reading)

An Ordinance setting forth a statement for municipal services to be provided to the area contained in a proposed annexation of 4.012 acres, more or less, in Jefferson Township to the City of Galion, Ohio as required by Section 709.023 (C) of the Ohio Revised Code, and declaring an emergency.

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

Mr. Triplett made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2017-56. Mr. Comerford seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Hedges, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mrs. Bean, yea, Ms. Clark, yea. Motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

The roll call on Ordinance No. 2017-56 resulted as follows: Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Hedges, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mrs. Bean, yea, Ms. Clark, yea. Motion carried by a vote of 7-0 and Ordinance No. 2017-56 passed for a final reading.

Ordinance No. 2017-57 (First Reading)

An Ordinance stating the intent of city council if the City of Galion annexes and rezones 4.012 acres, more or less, located on State Route 598 for uses clearly incompatible to uses permitted on the adjacent land located in Jefferson Township, Crawford County, as required by Section 709.023 (C) of the Ohio Revised Code, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Comerford 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. 2017-57. Mr. Comerford seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Mr.

Triplett, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Hedges, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mrs. Bean, yea, Ms. Clark, yea. Motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

The roll call on Ordinance No. 2017-57 resulted as follows: Mr. Comerford, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mrs. Bean, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Hedges, yea. Motion carried by a vote of 7-0 and Ordinance No. 2017-57 passed for a final reading.

Ordinance No. 2017-58 (First Reading)

An Ordinance consenting to the annexation of 4.012 acres of land, more or less, located on State Route 598 in Jefferson Township to the City of Galion, and declaring an emergency.

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

Mr. Triplett made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2017-58. Mr. Comerford seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Hedges, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mrs. Bean, yea, Ms. Clark, yea. Motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

The roll call on Ordinance No. 2017-58 resulted as follows: Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Hedges, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mrs. Bean, yea, Ms. Clark, yea. Motion carried by a vote of 7-0 and Ordinance No. 2017-58 passed for a final reading.

Other Business

Upcoming committees:

Laws, Ordinances, Zoning & Permits – October 3, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.

Police, Fire and Health – September 27, 2017– 7:00 p.m.

Utilities – October 4, 2017

Finance – October 18, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Economic Development and Airport – October 19, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Parks and Recreation –October 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Auditor's Report

Income tax – still bucking a trend and we are positive for the year. August was a little bit softer but in September we have surpassed 2016 collections already with the rest of the month to go yet. Second point is that we are working on electric and the third point is we are also working on the budget. The staff is working with the other offices to be sure we are able to present everything on a timely basis.

The Connection Weekend is in two weeks. Many events involved.

Treasurer's Report

Report was sent. The cash balance is about \$20 million. We are doing well cash wise. I just want to reiterate we got to have a plan for the electric fund. Mark has been doing a very good job. The fund has lost approximately \$50,000 a month this year...which is a lot better than last year. We just need to have a plan to fix it. Important months coming up with the budget and the election. If council has anything, we are going to come out with the budget next month. If you have a recommendation please give it to the Mayor, the Auditor or the Council President. We need to control the costs of our benefits and maintain the electric fund and get out of fiscal emergency. Those are the three most important things to look at. Everybody needs to contribute so whatever you can do to help in that process, please do.

Director of Law

The last meeting I was kind of a downer and talked about campaign signs so I am not going to do that again except I will say please look at the statute and where they can be located and what size they can be, please do that. Other than that nothing.

Mayor's Report

Apologized for being ill and thanked council for all the issues that got passed tonight. The PCA will sort itself out eventually. I don't see the Mayor's office calling a special meeting. Maybe three council members will.

Paving is always a challenge. Moving forward with it. The fiber optic holding up the Englefield Oil project is being moved.

President of Council

Matt Echelberry reminded everyone that that splash park will be open tomorrow night from 5-7. About 60 people were out there tonight.

Mr. Hedges announced that the Octoberfest is this weekend and if you got anything big you need to bring in the roads will start to be shut off at 6 p.m.

Ms. Factor announced that flu shots are available starting Friday. There are various clinics around town. Any businesses interested in having us come immunize their employees please contact the health department. The city has had 6 mosquitos test positive for the West Nile Virus. Working with Nikki Ward and Al Baker in addressing the areas for treatment and maintain surveillance as long as the weather allows.

President Watt asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Triplett made the motion and Mr. Hedges seconded. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Carl W. Watt
Council President

Julie L. Bell
Clerk of Council