

**GALION CITY COUNCIL / FINANCIAL PLANNING AND SUPERVISION
COMMISSION JOINT MEETING
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
October 4, 2018**

The October 4, 2018 special joint meeting of Galion City Council and the Financial Planning and Supervision Commission was called to order by President Watt at 9:00 a.m. 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.

President Watt asked if any council members had any comments before the meeting is turned over to the Financial Planning and Supervision Commission.

Dr. Fellner stated that this has been a long road and we can't look at this as closure but a beginning. This is our commencement today. We thank the auditor for being here and we look forward to working for the future

Mr. Quentin Potter called the 74th Financial Planning and Supervision Commission to order at 9:03 a.m.

The following members were present: Mr. Barker, Mr. Graff, O'Leary, Mr. Potter, Mr. Watt, Ms. Wright, and Mr. Wyse.

Mr. O'Leary made the motion to approve the minutes of April 26, 2018 and July 11, 2018. Mr. Graff seconded. Motion carried.

Ms. Belinda Miller of the State Auditor's Office outlined the City of Galion Financial Emergency Termination report. The report details that the city no longer meets the criteria for fiscal emergency and is therefore being terminated as of today's date.

Mr. Quentin Potter introduced Auditor of State Dave Yost addressed the group and stated that today was a restoration of integrity and stressed that the city maintain the habits to avoid future problems. The city is performing as well as most of the cities in Ohio according to the Financial Health Dashboard. Encouraged the city to watch the forecasts for early warnings and take the appropriate action early.

Auditor Yost present Mayor O'Leary with the framed document signifying the release from Fiscal Emergency.

Mr. Potter opened up the floor to commission member comments:

Mr. Wyse commented that he felt it would be wise if the city would continue to receive some support from the state to help the city learn to navigate the waters on their own.

Mr. Graff commented that he came in to the city to begin to get to this point. He appreciated the multitude of faces that instrumental in helping the city get to this point. You know who you are.

Mr. Watt seconded Mr. Graff's comments

Mayor O'Leary wanted to thank the taxpayers and citizens of Galion who have been so patient through all the changes the city has been through. While the change back to statutory

government may have slowed this process down it did stop the revolving door and bring stability to the city. He thanked the auditor's office, the council and the state auditor's office.

Mr. Potter congratulated the city on a job well done achieving release today. He thanked the commission members especially the governor's appointees Mr. Barker, Mr. Graff, and Mr. Wyse. He thanked Ms. Wright as well for her service.

Mr. Potter asked for a motion to adjourn which was made Mr. Watt by Mr. Graff. Motion carried unanimously.

President Watt asked for general comments.

Mr. Comerford stated that this is a great day. We are going to have our work cut out for us

Dr. Fellner reassured Mr. Wyse that the plan was to engage the auditor's office for assistance.

Mr. Joe Kleinknecht thanked everyone for their hard work. The Chamber provided the refreshments following the meeting.

President Watt thanked First Federal for what they did 14 years ago.

Mr. Triplett made the motion to adjourn which was seconded by Ms. Erlsten. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

President Watt asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Triplett made the motion seconded by Mr. Richart. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Carl W. Watt
Council President

Julie L. Bell
Clerk of Council