

**GALION CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
September 24, 2019**

The September 24, 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, Auditor Treisch, Director of Law Palmer, and Safety Service Director Ward.

Department Heads in attendance: Chief Phil Jackson and Matt Echelberry

President Watt asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the September 10, 2019 regular meeting. Mr. Baldinger made the motion to approve as presented. Dr. Fellner seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

President Watt asked for a motion to add Ordinance No. 2019-70 to the agenda. Dr. Fellner made the motion seconded by Mr. Triplett. Roll call 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.

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

Public Comments

None

Legislation

Ordinance No. 2019-53 (Third Reading)

An Ordinance authorizing the Safety-Service Director to enter into a Wetland Mitigation Purchase Agreement with Stream + Wetlands Foundation for the purchase of Wetland Credits for property located at SR 598 and US 30, and declaring an emergency.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2019-53. Mr. Comerford seconded the motion. The roll call vote resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Ms. Clark, yea. Motion carried 7-0 and Ordinance 2019-53 passed for a Third and Final Reading.

Ordinance No. 2019-58 (Third Reading)

An Ordinance authorizing the purchase of real property located in the City of Galion, with all improvement thereupon, and to authorize the Safety-Service Director to execute the agreements and forms pertaining thereto, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Triplett made the motion to amend Ordinance No. 2019-58 to include the fund for payment of 204-3020-52501. Ms. Erlsten seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Triplett, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2019-58 as amended. Mr. Comerford seconded the motion. The roll call vote resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Ms. Clark, yea. Motion carried 7-0 and Ordinance 2019-58 passed for a Third and Final Reading.

Ordinance No. 2019-64 (Second Reading)

An Ordinance amending Chapter 719 of the Codified Ordinance of the City of Galion regarding collection of garbage, Solid Waste and other discarded materials.

Ordinance No. 2019-64 was held to a second reading.

Ordinance No. 2019-51 (First Reading)

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2019-30 establishing the Galion Port Authority to now appoint the membership of the Board of Directors, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Triplett made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2019-51. 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.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2019-51. Mr. Comerford seconded the motion. The roll call resulted as follow: Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Ms. Clark, yea. Motion carried 7-0 and Ordinance No. 2019-51 passed for a final reading.

Ordinance No. 2019-65 (First Reading)

An Ordinance authorizing the Safety-Service Director to advertise for bids and to enter into a contract with the lowest and best bidder therefor, as provided by law, for the Bike Path Project, to proceed, authorizing payment therefor, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Richart made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2019-65. Mr. Comerford seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Ms. Clark, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Triplett made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2019-65. Mr. Comerford seconded the motion. The roll call resulted as follow: Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea. Motion carried 7-0 and Ordinance No. 2019-65 passed for a final reading.

Ordinance No. 2019-66 (First Reading)

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

Dr. Fellner made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2019-66. Mr. Comerford seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Ms. Clark, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Triplett made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2019-66. Mr. Comerford seconded the motion. The roll call resulted as follow: Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea. Motion carried 7-0 and Ordinance No. 2019-66 passed for a final reading.

Ordinance No. 2019-67 (First Reading)

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2019-71 (Permanent 2019 Appropriations) by appropriating funds from unappropriated funds in the General Fund and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Comerford made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2019-67. Ms. Erlsten seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Comerford, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Triplett made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2019-67. Mr. Comerford seconded the motion. The roll call resulted as follow: Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea. Motion carried 7-0 and Ordinance No. 2019-67 passed for a final reading.

Ordinance No. 2019-68 (First Reading)

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2019-71 (Permanent 2019 Appropriations) by appropriating funds from unappropriated funds in the General Fund for the Health Department, and declaring an emergency.

Ordinance No. 2019-68 was held to a First Reading.

Ordinance No. 2019-69 (First Reading)

An Ordinance authorizing the Safety-Service Director to apply for and accept an Ohio Department of Public Safety Ohio Division of EMS Grant, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Comerford made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2019-69. Mr. Triplett seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Comerford, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Richart, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Comerford made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2019-69. Mr. Triplett seconded the motion. The roll call resulted as follow: Mr. Comerford, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Richart, yea. Motion carried 7-0 and Ordinance No. 2019-69 passed for a final reading.

Ordinance No. 2019-70 (First Reading)

An Ordinance authorizing the Safety-Service Director and/or Mayor to apply for and accept Grant and/or Loan funds under Round 34 of Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) funding to be used for the Southeast Storm Sewer Phase IV Project, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Richart made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2019-70. 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.

Mr. Triplett made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2019-70. Mr. Richart seconded the motion. The roll call resulted as follow: 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 and Ordinance No. 2019-70 passed for a final reading.

Resolution No. 2019-6 (First Reading)

A Resolution approving and ratifying the prior act of the Department Heads and Safety-Service Director and approving a “Then and Now” Certificate for said expenditure, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Baldinger made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Resolution No. 2019-6. Mr. Richart seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Triplett made the motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-6. Mr. Baldinger seconded the motion. The roll call resulted as follow: Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Richart, yea. Motion carried 7-0 and Resolution No. 2019-6 passed for a final reading.

Other Business

Vacation of Green Avenue – Preauthorization – Mr. Triplett made the motion to proceed in the process for the vacation. Ms. Erlsten seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Triplett, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea. Motion carried 7-0. This will come back to council in ordinance form after the property owners secures the plat map and legal description.

Upcoming committees:

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

Utilities – October 3, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Parks and Recreation – October 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Finance – October 16, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Police, Fire and Health – September 25, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. - CANCELLED

Economic Development and Airport – October 15, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Streets, Alleys, Trees, & Bridges – October 10, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Auditor's Report

Complimented council on the port authority. Income tax hearings start tomorrow. Will be out of the office next Monday and Tuesday for anniversary.

Treasurer's Report

Not in attendance

Director of Law

Utility collection calls are coming in for letters his office sent out.

Mayor's Report

Not quite ready for discussion on the four union contracts. Will be ready at next meeting. City received an additional \$550,000 for the Portland Way widening project for a total of \$2.65 Million.

President of Council

Nothing

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 8:29 p.m.

Carl W. Watt
Council President

Julie L. Bell
Clerk of Council