

**GALION CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
October 22, 2019**

The October 22, 2019 meeting of Galion City Council was called to order by President Watt. The Pledge of Allegiance was followed a moment of silence.

Clerk of Council Julie Bell called roll with the following members present: Mr. Baldinger, Ms. Clark, Ms. Erlsten, Dr. Fellner, Mr. Richart, and Mr. Triplett.

Mr. Triplett made the motion to excuse Mr. Comerford. Ms. Clark seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

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: Auditor Treisch, Director of Law Palmer, Treasurer Sparks, and Safety Service Director Ward.

Department Heads in attendance: Trish Factor, Matt Echelberry

President Watt asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the October 8, 2019 regular meeting. Mr. Baldinger made the motion to approve as presented. Ms. Erlsten seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

President Watt asked for a motion to add Resolution No. 2019-7 to the agenda. Mr. Triplett made the motion seconded by Ms. Clark. Roll call resulted as follows: Mr. Baldinger, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Richart made the motion to approve the agenda as amended which was seconded by Ms. Clark. Motion carried 6-0.

Citizen Comments

Steve Rowan, 1130 State Route 61, expressed concerns about the building at the corner of 309 and 61. There have been 9 fires out there and is worried this one will be next. Barn is falling down and the gas station is interested in purchasing the property so they could expand. Tried checking into it but was unable to get past the staff at the prosecutor's office. Carl Watt volunteered to check into for Mr. Rowan.

Legislation

Ordinance No. 2019-74 (First Reading)

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2018-71 (Permanent 2019 Appropriations) by appropriating funds from unappropriated funds and transferring funds in various funds and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Baldinger made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2019-74. Ms. Erlsten seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Baldinger, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea. Motion carried 6-0.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2019-74. Ms. Clark seconded the motion. The roll call resulted as follow: Dr. Fellner, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea. Motion carried 6-0 and Ordinance No. 2019-74 passed for a final reading.

Ordinance No. 2019-75 (First Reading)

An Ordinance authorizing an advance to the FEMA Fund with such advance to be repaid before year end 2019, and declaring an emergency.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2019-75. Ms. Clark seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Triplett made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2019-75. Mr. Baldinger seconded the motion. The roll call resulted as follow: Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Richart, yea. Motion carried 6-0 and Ordinance No. 2019-75 passed for a final reading.

Ordinance No. 2019-76 (First Reading)

An Ordinance repealing Section 947.03 of the City of Galion Codified Ordinances, and amending Chapter 549 and Sections 375.03, 505.11, 509.10 (B) (3), 517.01 (VV), and 301.12 of the City of Galion Codified Ordinances, relating to the ownership, possession, purchase, other acquisition, transport, storage, carrying sale, other transfer, manufacture, taxation, keeping, and reporting of loss or theft of firearms, their components, and their ammunition, and declaring and emergency.

This Ordinance was held to a first reading.

Resolution No. 2019-7 (First Reading)

A Resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax rates and certifying them to the county auditor.

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

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

Other Business

Upcoming committees:

Laws, Ordinances, Zoning, and Permits – November 5, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Utilities – November 6, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Parks and Recreation – November 13, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Finance – November 20, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Police, Fire and Health – October 23, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. - CANCELLED

Economic Development and Airport – November 19, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Streets, Alleys, Trees, & Bridges – November 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Auditor's Report

Auditor Treisch said budget information ready week of November 4, 2019. Maybe a Finance Committee. Committee of the Whole on November 12, 2019. Second reading November 26, 2019. Final reading on December 10, 2019. Audit Committee met to review audit. Complimented the staff. State Auditor Faber visit.

Treasurer's Report

Nothing

Director of Law

Nothing other than wishing good luck to everyone running in the election.

Mayor's Report

Not in attendance

Safety-Service Director Ward undated that the playground should be finished in a week to 10 days.

President of Council

Organizational meeting for the Port Authority was held. Chanel Hipp is Chair, Gary Frankhouse is Vice Chair, and Chad Miller is Secretary. Ribbon cutting to be held for the new tire shop at 200 South Street.

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 7:35 p.m.

Carl W. Watt
Council President

Julie L. Bell
Clerk of Council