

**GALION CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
November 14, 2017**

The November 14, 2017 meeting of Galion City Council was called to order by President Carl Watt. The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by an invocation from Pastor Joe Stafford of the Wesley Chapel.

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

Mrs. Bean made the motion to excuse Mr. Hedges which was seconded by Mr. Triplett. Motion carried.

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, Treasurer Sparks, and Auditor Treisch.

Department Heads in attendance: Bob Johnston, Chief Saterfield, and Matt Echelberry.

President Watt asked for a motion to approve the minutes from October 24, 2017. Dr. Fellner made the motion to approve the minutes which was seconded by Ms. Clark. Motion carried.

President Watt asked for a motion to delete Ordinance No. 2017-62 from the agenda. Ms. Clark made the motion which was seconded by Mr. Triplett. The roll call resulted as follows: Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mrs. Bean, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea. Motion carried 6-0.

President Watt asked for a motion to add Ordinance No. 2017-63 to the agenda. Dr. Fellner made the motion which was seconded by Mrs. Bean. The roll call resulted as follows: Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mrs. Bean, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea. Motion carried 6-0.

President Watt asked for a motion to add Ordinance No. 2017-64 to the agenda. Mr. Comerford made the motion which was seconded by Mr. Triplett. The roll call resulted as follows: Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mrs. Bean, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea. Motion carried 6-0.

President Watt asked for a motion to add Resolution No. 2017-16 to the agenda. Dr. Fellner made the motion which was seconded by Mr. Comerford. The roll call resulted as follows: Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mrs. Bean, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea. Motion carried 6-0.

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

**Public Comments**

Jim Gerstenslager spoke about the Breakfast with Santa being held on December 2, 2017 at the Depot Pavilion as part of the Come Home to Galion Celebration. Tickets are \$5.00 each. Free pictures with Santa provided. There are two times 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Avita is preparing and furnishing the food for the event. Tickets are on sale at the Chamber of Commerce.

**Legislation**

**Ordinance No. 2017-63 (First Reading)**

An Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of VOCA / SVAA grants from the Ohio Attorney General and authorizing the Safety-Service Director and Director of Law to sign the necessary gran documents pertaining thereto, and declaring an emergency.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to approve seconded by Mrs. Bean.

Mr. Comerford made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2017-63. Mr. Triplett seconded the motion. The roll call resulted as follows: Mr. Comerford, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mrs. Bean, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea. Motion carried 6-0.

The roll call on Ordinance No. 2017-63 resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Mrs. Bean, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea. Motion carried by a vote of 6-0 and Ordinance No. 2017-63 passed for a Final Reading.

**Ordinance No. 2017-64 (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 Ms. Clark.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2017-64. Mr. Comerford seconded the motion. The roll call resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mrs. Bean, yea, Ms. Clark, yea. Motion carried 6-0.

The roll call on Ordinance No. 2017-64 resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Mrs. Bean, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea. Motion carried by a vote of 6-0 and Ordinance No. 2017-64 passed for a Final Reading.

**Resolution No. 2017-16 (First Reading)**

A Resolution approving and ratifying the prior acts of the Department Heads and Safety-Service Director and approving "Then and Now" certificates for said expenditures, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Clark made the motion to approve seconded by Dr. Fellner.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Resolution No. 2017-16. Mr. Triplett seconded the motion. The roll call resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mrs. Bean, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea. Motion carried 6-0.

The roll call on Resolution No. 2017-16 resulted as follows: Ms. Clark, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mrs. Bean, yea. Motion carried by a vote of 6-0 and Resolution No. 2017-16 passed for a Final Reading.

**Other Business**

Upcoming committees:

Committee of the Whole – November 15, 2017 – 7:00 p.m. – Budget Work Session

Laws, Ordinances, Zoning & Permits –

Police, Fire and Health – November 22, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Utilities – December 6, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Finance –

Economic Development and Airport –

Parks and Recreation – November 29, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

**Auditor's Report**

Reminded everyone of Committee of the Whole tomorrow.

Treasurer's Report

Statement of Cast completed and reconciliation done and sent. \$20.8 million cash balance.

Director of Law

Nothing

Mayor's Report

Mayor provided an update on the tornado.

State Aid- County EMA came Monday morning after. Chief and Director toured the sites. Received tornado designation. No state aid available as there weren't enough uninsured homes. Barely enough to even qualify. Surprising number of owner occupied homes uninsured. Attempting to coordinate with social services agencies. One was a total loss. You were either devastated or barely affected. Service Department assisted with debris clean up by hauling to the landfill. Three businesses impacted, one largely impacted. The commerce center tenant, Mosier, potentially helping them with temporary storage space. Proud of the residents, employees and SSD for their response during this time.

President of Council

Reminded about Budget Work Session tomorrow. Working on setting up the swearing in for the elected officials.

President Watt asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Triplett made the motion and Mr. Comerford seconded. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

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

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