

**GALION CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
November 26, 2019**

The November 26, 2019 meeting of Galion City Council was called to order by President Watt. The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by an invocation by Councilman Dr. Thomas Fellner.

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 which was seconded by Ms. Clark. Motion carried 6-0. Mr. Comerford did join the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

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, Treasurer Sparks, and Safety Service Director Ward.

Department Heads in attendance: Matt Echelberry

President Watt asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the November 12, 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 Ordinance No. 2019-88 to the agenda. Mr. Richart made the motion seconded by Dr. Fellner. 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.

President Watt asked for a motion to add Ordinance No. 2019-89 to the agenda. Mr. Baldinger 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.

Due to having Mr. Yunker and students from his classes in attendance to see how council works Ms. Erlsten made the motion to move the Executive Session to after item F on the agenda. Mr. Baldinger seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion 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.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to approve the agenda as amended which was seconded by Mr. Triplett Motion carried 6-0.

**Citizen Comments**

Mr. Troy Yunker explained why he and his students were attending the city council meeting. Students also addressed council concerning why they were in attendance. Council members and officials expressed their appreciation for having them in attendance.

**Public Hearing**

Zoning Amendment – Galion Codified Ordinances 1127.02 (b)

This amendment would add the following (C) Any use required to be a permitted use under federal or state law in any zoning district is a permitted use under this Ordinance as required by the applicable law. Mr. Palmer explained how this was a result of Ohio Revised Code 9.68. The students asked questions as well. The public hearing began at 7:15 p.m. and ended at 7:22 p.m. A sign in sheet was distributed for all attendees to sign and is on record.

**Legislation**

**Ordinance No. 2019-76 (Third 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.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2019-76. Ms. Erlsten seconded the motion. The roll call on the ordinance resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea. Motion carried 7-0 and Ordinance No. 2019-76 passed for a Third and Final reading.

**Ordinance No. 2019-82 (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 and emergency.

Mr. Comerford made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2019-82. Mr. Richart seconded the motion. The roll call on motion resulted as follows: Mr. Comerford, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea Dr. Fellner, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Triplett made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2019-82. Mr. Baldinger seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: 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 Ordinance No. 2019-82 passed as a final reading.

**Ordinance No. 2019-83 (First Reading)**

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2018-71 (Permanent 2019 Appropriations) by authorizing an advance to the Cheshire Debt Service Fund with such advance to be repaid in calendar year 2020 and declaring and emergency.

Mr. Comerford made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2019-83. Ms. Clark seconded the motion. The roll call on motion resulted as follows: Mr. Comerford, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea,. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Triplett made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2019-83. Mr. Richart seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: 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. 2019-83 passed as a final reading.

**Ordinance No. 2019-85 (First Reading)**

An Ordinance adopting permanent annual appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Galion, State of Ohio, during the Fiscal Year ending 2020, and declaring and emergency.

Mr. Richart made the motion to approve the following amendments to the budget:

1. 201-6020-52436 increased from \$17,500 to \$25,000
2. Add \$350,000 to 401-7090-52501
3. 405-3020-52501 increased from \$400,000 to \$450,000
4. Add total for fund 406
5. 60-6010-52436 increased from \$45,000 to \$60,000

Dr. Fellner seconded the motion. The roll call on motion resulted as follows: Mr. Richart, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

This Ordinance was held to a First Reading

**Ordinance No. 2019-86 (First Reading)**

An Ordinance approving preliminary legislation amendment for the LPA-ODO Let Project Agreement for safety improvement transportation project including minor widening, turn lane addition and urban paving along the SR 598 corridor from SLM 0.46 to 1.54 (Carter Drive to Brandt Road).

Dr. Fellner made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2019-86. Mr. Baldinger seconded the motion. The roll call on motion resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Triplett made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2019-86. Mr. Richart seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: 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. 2019-86 passed as a final reading.

**Ordinance No. 2019-87 (First Reading)**

An Ordinance amending Section 1127.02 (b) of the City of Galion Codified Ordinances and declaring and emergency.

This Ordinance was held to a First Reading.

**Executive Session**

Mr. Triplet made the motion to enter into executive session for the purposes of discussing collective bargaining matters. Ms. Clark seconded the motion. 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 and executive session began at 8:53 p.m.

Mr. Triplett made the motion to exit executive session at 9:31 p.m. Ms. Erlsten seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. No action taken in executive session.

**Ordinance No. 2019-88 (First Reading)**

An Ordinance approving the tentative agreement between the City of Galion and the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association and authorizing the Safety Service Director to execute said agreement on behalf of the City.

Mr. Comerford made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2019-88. Mr. Triplett seconded the motion. The roll call on 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. Triplett made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2019-88. Mr. Comerford seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Richart, yea. Motion carried 7-0 and Ordinance No. 2019-88 passed as a final reading.

**Ordinance No. 2019-89 (First Reading)**

An Ordinance approving the tentative agreement between the City of Galion and the Fraternal Order of the Police, Ohio Labor Council, Inc. and authorizing the Safety Service Director to execute said agreement on behalf of the City.

Mr. Comerford made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2019-89. Ms. Erlsten seconded the motion. The roll call on motion resulted as follows: Mr. Comerford, yea, Ms.

Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, 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. 2019-89. Mr. Comerford seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Richart, yea. Motion carried 7-0 and Ordinance No. 2019-89 passed as a final reading.

Other Business

Upcoming committees:

Laws, Ordinances, Zoning, and Permits – December 3, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Utilities – December 4, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Parks and Recreation – December 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Finance – December 18, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Police, Fire and Health November 27, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. - cancelled

Economic Development and Airport – no meeting

Streets, Alleys, Trees, & Bridges – December 12, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Auditor's Report

Nothing

Treasurer's Report

Left prior to reports

Director of Law

nothing

Mayor's Report

nothing

President of Council

Mr. Watt relayed appreciation for all that has been done at the airport.

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 9:42 p.m.

**Carl W. Watt, Council President**

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