

**GALION CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING (via Zoom)
March 23, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**

The March 23, 2021 meeting of Galion City Council held via Zoom was called to order by President Carl Watt. The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by a moment of silence.

Clerk of Council Julie Bell called roll with the following members present: Ms. Ault, Mr. Bodkins, Ms. Erlsten, Dr. Fellner, Mr. Ivy, 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 Baldinger, Director of Law Palmer, and Safety-Service Director Ward.

President Watt asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the March 9, 2021 regular meeting. Mr. Bodkins made the motion to approve as presented. Mr. Richart seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

President Watt asked for a motion to add Ordinance No. 2021-28 to the agenda. Dr. Fellner made the motion which was seconded by Mr. Richart. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

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

Legislation

Ordinance No. 2021-22 (First Reading)

An ordinance authorizing the Safety-Service Director to apply for and accept a grant of FY 2021 Federal Aviation Funds under the Airport Capital Improvement Program to be used to rehabilitate Runway 5/23 at the Galion Municipal Airport, and declaring an emergency.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2021-22. Ms. Erlsten seconded the motion. The roll call resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea,. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Triplett made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2021-22. Mr. Ivy seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2021-22 resulted as follows: Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea. Motion carried 7-0 and Ordinance No. 2021-22 passed for final reading.

Ordinance No. 2021-23 (First Reading)

An ordinance authorizing the Safety-Service Director to enter into an agreement with Richland Engineering Limited for engineering design services relating to the FAA FY21 grant funded runway rehabilitation at the airport, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Richart made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2021-23. Mr. Ivy seconded the motion. The roll call resulted as follows: Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Ivy made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2021-23. Mr. Bodkins seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2021-23 resulted as follows: Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Ms. Ault, yea. Motion carried 7-0 and Ordinance No. 2021-23 passed for final reading.

Ordinance No. 2021-24 (First Reading)

An ordinance authorizing the Safety-Service Director to apply for and enter into a Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA) Agreement with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) and the Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) to obtain funding to establish an OEPA approved general plan to guide future plant and system improvements, and declaring an emergency.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2021-24. Mr. Richart seconded the motion. The roll call resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Triplett made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2021-24. Mr. Bodkins seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2021-24 resulted as follows: Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Ault, yea. Motion carried 7-0 and Ordinance No. 2021-24 passed for final reading.

Ordinance No. 2021-25 (First Reading)

An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2020-92 (Permanent 2021 Appropriations) by appropriating, reducing appropriations and transferring, funds in various funds and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Ivy made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2021-25. Mr. Richart seconded the motion. The roll call resulted as follows: Mr. Ivy, yea Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Triplett made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2021-25. Mr. Richart seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2021-25 resulted as follows: Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea. Motion carried 7-0 and Ordinance No. 2021-25 passed for final reading.

Ordinance No. 2021-26 (First Reading)

An ordinance establishing the Urban Paving fund (418), and declaring an emergency.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2021-26. Ms. Erlsten seconded the motion. The roll call resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Triplett made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2021-26. Mr. Bodkins seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2021-26 resulted as follows: Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Bodkins yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Ault, yea. Motion carried 7-0 and Ordinance No. 2021-26 passed for final reading.

Ordinance No. 2021-27 (First Reading)

An ordinance repealing Ordinance 2020-15 and to now adopt a Credit Card Policy for the City of Galion.

Mr. Richart made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2021-27. Ms. Erlsten seconded the motion. The roll call resulted as follows: Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2021-27. Mr. Bodkins seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2021-27 resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Bodkins yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, no, Ms. Ault, yea. Motion carried 6-1 and Ordinance No. 2021-27 passed for final reading.

Resolution No. 2021-8 (First Reading)

A Resolution approving the appointment of Miranda Jones to the Tax Incentive Review Council, and declaring an emergency.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Resolution No. 2021-8. Mr. Bodkins seconded the motion. The roll call resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Ms. Ault, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Ivy made the motion to pass Resolution No. 2021-8. Ms. Ault seconded the motion. The roll call on Resolution No. 2021-8 resulted as follows: Mr. Ivy, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea. Motion carried 7-0 and Resolution No. 2021-8 passed for final reading.

Resolution No. 2021-9 (First Reading)

A Resolution making the appointments to the Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 3735.69 (A), and declaring an emergency.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to amend the spelling from “Richart” to “Richard”. Mr. Richart seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Resolution No. 2021-9. Ms. Erlsten seconded the motion. The roll call resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Mr. Ivy, Abstain, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea. Motion carried 6-0 with 1 Abstention.

Mr. Richart made the motion to pass Resolution No. 2021-9. Mr. Triplett seconded the motion. The roll call on Resolution No. 2021-9 resulted as follows: Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Ivy, Abstain. Motion carried 6-0 with 1 Abstention and Resolution No. 2021-9 passed for final reading.

Ordinance No. 2021-28 (First Reading)

An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2020-92 (Permanent 2021 Appropriations) by appropriating funds in the Cheshire Fund and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Richart made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2021-28. Mr. Ivy seconded the motion. The roll call resulted as follows: Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Triplett made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2021-28. Mr. Bodkins seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2021-28 resulted as follows: Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Ault, yea. Motion carried 7-0 and Ordinance No. 2021-28 passed for final reading.

Upcoming committees:

Laws, Ordinances, Zoning, and Permits – April 6, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Utilities – April 7, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Parks and Recreation – April 14, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Finance – April 21, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Police, Fire and Health – April 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Economic Development and Airport – April 20, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Streets, Alleys, Trees, & Bridges – April 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Other Business

Mr. Ivy stated that he had gotten a call regarding rolling of the baseball fields. The administration will take care of it. He also asked about when the meetings will start taking place in council chambers again. The rules have not changed regarding gathering limits and facemasks. Some members do not want to wear masks.

Auditor’s Report

Portfolio matured this month. Reinvested in commercial paper as recommended by Meeder and Assoc.

Treasurer's Report

Not in attendance

Director of Law

Shared with council already about the opinion of the outside council concerning the Freese Center Project funding. Looking at ways to move forward.

Mayor's Report

Nothing to add. Working on a way to get to yes.

Snag with trust agreements – limitations.

Our obstacle – 1. Modify the Trust Agreement

2. City project vs. Port Authority

Temporary setback. Want to stay at it.

Looking forward to the Streets Committee Meeting.

Freese Center Project impacts other Freese Projects

President of Council

Nothing

There being no further business to discuss President Watt asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Bodkins made the motion and Mr. Triplett seconded. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Carl W. Watt, President of Council

Julie L. Bell, Clerk of Council