

**GALION CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
February 13, 2018**

The February 13, 2018 meeting of Galion City Council 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: Mr. Baldinger, Ms. Clark, Ms. Erlsten, Dr. Fellner, Mr. Richart, and Mr. Triplett.

Ms. Clark made a motion to excuse Mr. Comerford which was seconded by Mr. Baldinger. 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, Auditor Treisch, Director of Law Palmer, Treasurer Sparks, and Safety-Service Director Ward.

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

President Watt asked for a motion to approve the minutes from January 23, 2018 regular meeting. Mr. Triplett made the motion to approve the minutes which was seconded by Mr. Richart. Motion carried.

President Watt asked for a motion to add Ordinance No. 2018-5 to the agenda. Ms. Clark made the motion which was seconded by Mr. Richart. The roll call vote on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Baldinger, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea.

President Watt asked for a motion to add Ordinance No. 2018-9 to the agenda. Mr. Baldinger made the motion which was seconded by Ms. Erlsten. The roll call vote on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Baldinger, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea.

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

Public Comments

Judy Lawrence, 967 Highland Avenue, Galion, OH. Expressed concerns over the rezoning of the school property and the placement of the bus garage. She expressed concerns over the noise that would come from the idling buses and the size of the proposed bus garage. She also expressed concerns about all various plans the school district had and the cost of those projects.

Grant Garverick, President of the School Board, 323 Orchard Court, Galion, OH spoke in favor of the bus garage and that it would save the district money. He also address that the school did have various plans for the campus but many of the items would come in the future as funds are available and not all at once.

Mike Mateer, School Board Member, 324 Neumann Street, Galion, OH also spoke in favor of the rezoning of the school property.

Public Hearing

The public hearing regarding the rezoning of the school property to Educational Services District. The hearing began at 7:13 p.m. and ended at 7:25 p.m. A list of attendees is on file. Council was able to ask questions and Superintendent Grubbs addressed some of the issues stated during the public hearing and those during the public comment period as well.

Legislation

Ordinance No. 2018-4 (First Reading)

An Ordinance rezoning Outlot 674 and parts of Outlots 667, 669, 670, 671, 672, and 673 from zoning classification R-1C (Single Family Residence) to classification ES (Educational Services); Rezoning

Outlots 653 and Inlots 3524, 3597, 3598, 3599, 3600, 3601, 3602, 3603, 3604, 3605, 3606, 3607, 3608, 3609, 3610, 3611, 3612, 3613, 3614, 3615, 3616, and parts of Inlots 3523 and 3526 from zoning classification R-1B (Single Family Residence) to classification ES (Educational Services); and rezoning Outlots 578 and parts of 577 and 658 from zoning classification GC (General Commercial) to classification ES (Educational Services).

Mr. Triplett made the motion to approve seconded by Ms. Erlsten.

The roll call on Ordinance No. 2018-4 resulted as follows: Mr. Triplett, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea Mr. Richart, yea. Motion carried by a vote of 6-0 and Ordinance No. 2018-4 passed for a First Reading.

Ordinance No. 2018-5 (First Reading)

An Ordinance rezoning amending sections of Chapter 1131 and sections 729.09 and 1151.05 of the City of Galion Codified Ordinances.

Mr. Baldinger made the motion to approve seconded by Mr. Richart.

Director of Law Palmer gave a PowerPoint presentation to help explain the proposed changes.

The roll call on Ordinance No. 2018-5 resulted as follows: Mr. Baldinger, yea, , Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, nay, Ms. Clark, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea. Motion carried by a vote of 5-1 and Ordinance No. 2018-5 passed for a First Reading.

Ordinance No. 2018-6 (First Reading)

An Ordinance authorizing the Fire Chief and/or Safety-Service Director to apply for a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) under the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program in the amount of One Hundred Fifty-Tree Thousand Dollars (\$153,000), and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Baldinger made the motion to approve seconded by Ms. Erlsten.

Mr. Baldinger made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2018-6. Mr. Triplett seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Richart, yea. Motion carried 6-0.

The roll call on Ordinance No. 2018-6 resulted as follows:, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Ms. Clark, yea. Motion carried by a vote of 6-0 and Ordinance No. 2018-6 passed for a Final Reading.

Ordinance No. 2018-7 (First Reading)

An Ordinance amending Section 131.02 of the City of Galion Codified Ordinances regarding payment of certain indigent burial costs, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Clark made the motion to approve seconded by Ms. Erlsten.

Mr. Richart made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2018-7. Ms. Erlsten seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Ms. Clark, yea. Motion carried 6-0.

The roll call on Ordinance No. 2018-7 resulted as follows:, Ms. Clark, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea. Motion carried by a vote of 6-0 and Ordinance No. 2018-7 passed for a Final Reading.

Ordinance No. 2018-8 (First Reading)

An Ordinance consenting to and approving the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Guardrail updates on State Route 309 in the City of Galion, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Baldinger made the motion to approve seconded by Ms. Clark.

Ms. Erlsten made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2018-8. Mr. Triplett seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Ms. Erlsten, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Richart, yea. Motion carried 6-0.

The roll call on Ordinance No. 2018-8 resulted as follows:, Mr. Baldinger, yea Ms. Clark, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea,. Motion carried by a vote of 6-0 and Ordinance No. 2018-8 passed for a Final Reading.

Ordinance No. 2018-9 (First Reading)

An Ordinance approving and authorizing the Mayor to enter into a partnership agreement between Crawford County and the cities of Galion and Bucyrus for the FY 2018 CHIP Grant Program, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Clark made the motion to approve seconded by Mr. Richart.

Ms. Clark made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2018-9. Mr. Richart seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Ms. Clark, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea. Motion carried 6-0.

The roll call on Ordinance No. 2018-9 resulted as follows:, Ms. Clark, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea. Motion carried by a vote of 6-0 and Ordinance No. 2018-9 passed for a Final Reading.

Other Business

Upcoming committees:

- Parks and Recreation – February 14, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
- Finance – February 21, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
- Police, Fire and Health – February 28, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
- Laws, Ordinances, Zoning & Permits – March 6, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
- Utilities – March 7, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
- Economic Development and Airport – March 1, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
- Streets, Alleys, Trees, and Bridges – March 8, 2018

Auditor’s Report

Setting up an Investment Committee meeting for February 21, 2018 prior to the Finance Committee meeting.

Treasurer’s Report

The reconciliation was sent out. Everyone has been sick. Thanks the audit staff. Passed out Meeder and Associate information and explained.

Director of Law

Thanked Matt and Julie for assistance with the PowerPoint presentation.

Mayor's Report

The Mayor announced that the March Economic Development and Airport meeting would be addressing the CVB monies. How we will identify entities and develop a contract. There is a lot to that and if you are interested please come to that committee meeting. Appreciate the patience.

President of Council

President Watt expressed how fortunate we are for our safety forces. We need to keep them in our thoughts and prayers as they are checking doors and going on domestic calls.

Pastor Roy Hughes from the Wellspring Church gave the benediction.

There being no further business to discuss President Watt asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Triplett made the motion and Mr. Richart seconded. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Carl W. Watt
Council President

Julie L. Bell
Clerk of Council