

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

The March 14, 2017 meeting of Galion City Council was called to order by President Watt. The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by an invocation by Pastor Ash Welch of St. Paul United Methodist Church..

Clerk of Council Julie Bell called roll with the following members present: Mr. Baldinger, Mrs. Bean, Ms. Clark, Mr. Comerford, Dr. Fellner, Mr. Hedges 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, Treasurer Sparks, Director of Law Palmer and Safety-Service Director Ward.

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

President Watt asked for a motion to approve the minutes from February 28, 2017. Mr. Hedges made the motion to approve the minutes which was seconded by Mr. Comerford. Motion carried.

Mr. Comerford made the motion to approve the agenda as submitted seconded by Dr. Fellner. Motion carried.

**Legislation**

**Ordinance No. 2017-10 (Third Reading)**

Entitled an Ordinance authorizing and directing the Safety-Service Director to enter into an agreement between the City of Galion and the Galion Community Center YMCA to provide for the operation of Heise Park Pool during the 2017 summer swimming season, and declaring an emergency.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to approve seconded by Mr. Triplett.

The roll call on Ordinance No. 2017-10 resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mrs. Bean, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Mr. Hedges, yea. Motion carried by a vote of 7-0 and Ordinance No. 2017-10 passed for a third and final reading.

**Ordinance No. 2017-11 (Third Reading)**

Entitled an Ordinance amending rules and criteria for the distribution of funds annually received from the Egbert M. Freese Foundation, and declaring an emergency.

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

The roll call on Ordinance No. 2017-11 resulted as follows: Ms. Clark, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mrs. Bean, nay, Mr. Comerford, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Hedges, yea.. Motion carried by a vote of 6-1 and Ordinance No. 2017-11 passed for a third and final reading.

**Ordinance No. 2017-13 (Second Reading)**

Entitled an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2016-106 (Permanent 2017 Appropriations) by appropriating from unappropriated funds and transferring funds in various funds and declaring an emergency.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to approve seconded by Mr. Triplett.

Mr. Triplett made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2017-13. Mr. Hedges seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Hedges, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mrs. Bean, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

The roll call on Ordinance No. 2017-13 resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mrs. Bean, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Mr. Hedges, yea. Motion carried by a vote of 7-0 and Ordinance No. 2017-13 passed for a final reading.

#### **Resolution No. 2017-6 (Second Reading)**

Entitled a Resolution approving and ratifying the prior acts of the Department Heads and the Safety-Service Director and approving a "Then and Now" Certificate for said expenditure, and declaring an emergency.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to approve seconded by Mr. Triplett.

Mr. Triplett made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Resolution No. 2017-6. Dr. Fellner seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Triplett, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Hedges, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mrs. Bean, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

The roll call on Resolution No. 2017-6 resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mrs. Bean, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Mr. Hedges, yea. Motion carried by a vote of 7-0 and Resolution No. 2017-6 passed for a final reading.

#### **Ordinance No. 2017-14 (First Reading)**

Entitled an Ordinance requesting the Trustees of the Egbert M. Freese Foundation to distribute income therefrom to the City of Galion for the purposes outlined herein, and declaring an emergency.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to approve seconded by Mr. Comerford.

The roll call on Ordinance No. 2017-14 resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Mr. Hedges, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mrs. Bean, yea, Ms. Clark, yea. Motion carried by a vote of 7-0 and Ordinance No. 2017-14 passed for a first reading.

#### **Ordinance No. 2017-15 (First Reading)**

Entitled an Ordinance revising current and establishing rental rates for various city owned properties and repealing inconsistent ordinances and resolutions.

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

The roll call on Ordinance No. 2017-15 resulted as follows: Mr. Hedges, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mrs. Bean, yea. Motion carried by a vote of 7-0 and Ordinance No. 2017-15 passed for a first reading.

#### **Other Business**

Upcoming committees:

Laws, Ordinances, Zoning & Permits –April 4 2017 - 7:00 p.m.

Police, Fire and Health – March 29, 2017– 7:00 p.m.

Utilities –April 5, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Finance – March 22, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Economic Development and Airport – March 16, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Parks and Recreation – April 12, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Auditor's Report

No Report – not in attendance. Auditor's office staff reported that the reconciliation for March was done in house.

Treasurer's Report

Completed and sent out his reconciliation. Met with Meeder & Associates. They will be at next Investment Committee meeting.

Director of Law

Working on Land Bank agreements between three jurisdictions. City has submitted 20-30 properties. Welcomed council members to come see him to go over the agreements.

Mayor's Report

Continued with the Land Bank discussion and noted that the house scheduled for demolition may not be the worst house on the block. Some may sell at Sheriff Sale that are on the list. Many factors come into play in this process.

We expect something from Sawvel this week. Stated that he doesn't think a rate increase is the only way to meet the recovery plan.

President of Council

No report

President Watt asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Triplett made the motion seconded by Mr. Hedges. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

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

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