

**GALION CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
March 14, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.**

The March 14, 2023 meeting of Galion City Council was called to order by President of Council Eric Webber. 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. Durbin, Dr. Fellner, Ms. Frank, Mr. Richart, and Ms. Zeger.

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 Saterfield, Director of Law Palmer, and SSD Ward.

President Webber asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 28, 2023 regular meeting. Ms. Ault made the motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Zeger seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

President Webber asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the March 2, 2023 special meeting. Ms. Durbin made the motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Frank seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

President Webber asked to add Ordinance No. 2023-23 to the agenda. Ms. Zeger made the motion to add Ordinance No. 2023-23 to the agenda. Ms. Durbin seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Durbin, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Ms. Frank, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

President Webber asked to add Ordinance No. 2023-24 to the agenda. Ms. Frank made the motion to add Ordinance No. 2023-24 to the agenda. Ms. Ault seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Durbin, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Ms. Frank, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Ms. Zeger made the motion to approve the agenda as amended which was seconded by Ms. Durbin. Motion carried 7-0.

Citizen Participation

David Wm. Keller, 2316 County Rd. 2175, Perrysville, OH
Re: Trespass on Keller family property.

Mr. Keller stated that the trees had been cut down and that the bike path had been constructed on his property. Had discussed early on about a possible land swap for the project. Nothing was every finalized and he still owns the property the bike path is constructed on. He said he did not know the project had been started until he saw that trees had been cut down. Brought to council's attention in hopes of getting a resolution. If nothing is resolved he will have to close that section of the bike path so his family trust does not have any liability in the event someone gets hurt on their property.

Legislation

Ordinance No. 2023-23 (First Reading)

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.

Ordinance No. 2023-23 was held to a First Reading.

Ordinance No. 2023-24 (First Reading)

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2022-98 (Permanent 2023 Appropriations) by appropriating and transferring funds in various funds and declaring an emergency.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2023-24. Ms. Zeger seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Durbin, yea, Ms. Frank, yea, Mr. Richart, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Ms. Ault made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2023-24. Ms. Frank seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2023-24 resulted as follows: Ms. Ault, yea, Ms. Frank, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Durbin, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea. Motion carried 7-0 and Ordinance No. 2023-24 passed for a final reading.

Other Business

None

Laws, Ordinances, Zoning, and Permits –
Utilities –.

Parks and Recreation –.

Streets, Alleys, Trees, and Bridges –

Economic Development and Airport – March 21, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Finance – March 22, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Police, Fire, and Health – March 16, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Auditor's Report

Auditor Saterfield handed out his report. Credit card reports were sent out. Close on February reconciliation. Hopefully in the next week or so.

Treasurer's Report

Not in attendance.

Director of Law

Stated that Mr. Keller made some strong allegations. My office is in the same building as the administration for a reason. Regarding a lack of response; I responded through Matt on this subject. Searching my emails and voice mail I have found two from Mr. Keller. Did meet with him in person. I will continue my research for 24 hours and then can speak to any council member regarding this subject.

Notice of appeal on behalf of former Chief Rodriguez has been filed. Not a civil lawsuit as reported.

Mayor's Report

Likely there will be a request to hire outside council. Possible special meeting.

Received notice of \$113K in change orders on Portland Way project. ODOT found \$100K for us. Still fighting another large change order.

President of Council

Nothing

There being no further business to discuss President of Council Webber asked for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Frank made the motion and Mr. Bodkins seconded. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Eric Webber, President of Council

Julie L Bell, Clerk of Council