

**GALION CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
April 23, 2019**

The April 23, 2019 meeting of Galion City Council was called to order by President 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, Mr. Comerford, Ms. Erlsten, Dr. Fellner, 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 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 April 9, 2019 regular meeting. Mr. Baldinger made the motion to approve as presented. Ms. Erlsten seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

President Watt asked for a motion to add Ordinance 2019-28 to the agenda. Dr. Fellner made the motion which was seconded by Mr. Triplett. The roll call on the motion 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.

President Watt asked for a motion to add Ordinance 2019-29 to the agenda. Ms. Clark made the motion which was seconded by Mr. Richart. The roll call on the motion 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.

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

Public Hearing

A public hearing was held concerning the establishment the rezoning of property on Carter Drive. A sign in sheet was distributed. The hearing began at 7:03 p.m. and concluded at 7:27 p.m.

Mayor O'Leary introduced the developer of the proposed apartment complex, Grant Giltz. He gave the background on the property that they have owned and have been on the market as commercial property. Have not been able to find a buyer for the property. The researched and found that there had not been any new development for multifamily for a long time. They will build high end 1 and 2 bedroom apartments. This will be owner operated and would like to move ahead as soon as possible. Mr. Mark Deems asked if it was going to be strictly business and professional or would it turn into low income housing. Mr. Giltz said that they would be putting about 4.5M and that is not their intention to do so. Mr. Deems asked what the property values would do to the area. Mr. Giltz stated that they maintain their properties very professional and the neighborhood does the same. The project is 90 units with the first phase being 36 units in two separate 3 story buildings with garages. Mrs. Deems expressed concerns about being able to rent that amount of units in Galion and support it. The Mayor agreed to disagree with her on that fact. He felt the contractor had better faith in the community than the residents do. Ms. Erlsten stated that as teachers they didn't have suitable housing to rent so they lived in Bucyrus. Mrs. Deems expressed concerns about it being in her backyard and stated that they could be another place to put it. With the schools, Drug Mart, Arby's etc. coming. The mayor stated that the ground had been for sale and anyone could have bought it if they wanted. Mr. Giltz appreciated their concerns and stated that these will not be your typical apartment dwellers. We maintain the properties to a high standard and expect our tenants to do so as well. Treasurer Sparks stated that we should welcome this type of investment in our community. The only disadvantage he saw was maybe the traffic. Mr. Richart Faeth stated that he has property on Briarwood that took 8 months to rent. He did not know it was going to be a 3 story building. He stated his Wiggs court property with a garage rents for \$700.00. The Mayor stated that the age of the properties could be a factor.

Legislation

Resolution No. 2019-4 (Third Reading)

A Resolution providing for future maintenance by the City of Galion of various streets within the city limits as presented in the legal descriptions and maps as hereby attached.

Mr. Comerford made the motion to approve which was seconded by Mr. Baldinger. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Comerford, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea. Motion carried. 7-0 and Resolution No. 2019-4 passed for a final reading

Ordinance No. 2019-21 (Third Reading)

An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Safety-Service Director to purchase under the State Purchasing Program, pursuant to R. C. 125.04 (B) without competitive bidding, playground equipment through Sourcewell for Heise Park, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Comerford made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2019-21. Mr. Richart seconded the motion. The roll call on the 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. The motion carried 7-0 and Ordinance No. 2019-21 passed for a final reading.

Ordinance No. 2019-22 (Third Reading)

An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Safety-Service Director to advertise for bids and to enter into a contract with the lowest and best bidder therefor, as provided by law, for concrete work as Heise Park, to proceed, authorizing payment therefor, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Comerford made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2019-22. Ms. Clark seconded the motion. The roll call on the 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,. The motion carried 7-0 and Ordinance No. 2019-22 passed for a final reading.

Ordinance No. 2019-23 (Second Reading)

An Ordinance enacting Chapter 1137 if the Galion Planning and Zoning code by establishing the Single Family Residential District (R1-D) and the purpose, permitted uses, conditional uses, and development standards therefor.

Mr. Richart made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2019-23. 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, Mr. Comerford, no. Motion carried 6-1.

Mr. Comerford made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2019-23. Mr. Baldinger seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Comerford, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea. Motion carried 7-0 and Ordinance No. 2019-23 passed for a final reading.

Ordinance No. 2019-24 (First Reading)

An Ordinance authorizing the Safety-Service Director to purchase under the State Purchasing program, pursuant to R.C. 125.04 (B) without competitive bidding, two prefabricated restroom buildings through CXT Precast Products for Heise Park and the Depot, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Clark made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2019-24. Dr. Fellner seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Ms. Clark, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea,

Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2019-24. Mr. Triplett seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Mr. Richart, yea. Motion carried 7-0 and Ordinance No. 2019-24 passed for a final reading.

Ordinance No. 2019-25 (First Reading)

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2018-71 (Permanent 2019 Appropriations) by appropriating funds in the Permanent Improvement Fund, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Comerford made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2019-25. Dr. Fellner seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Comerford, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Comerford made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2019-25. Mr. Richart seconded the motion. The roll call on the 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 and Ordinance No. 2019-25 passed for a final reading.

Ordinance No. 2019-26 (First Reading)

An Ordinance authorizing the City of Galion to participate in the 2019 ODOT Winter Contract for Road Salt, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Comerford made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2019-26. Ms. Clark seconded the motion. The roll call on the 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. Richart made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2019-26. Ms. Clark seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea. Motion carried 7-0 and Ordinance No. 2019-26 passed for a final reading.

Ordinance No. 2019-27 (First Reading)

An Ordinance adopting the recommendation of the City of Galion Planning Commission and re-zoning parcels 19-00-65167-004, 19-00-65167-003, 19-00-65167-002, and 19-00-65167-001 also known as Outlot 913 and a 3.3748 acre parcel currently known as Outlot Numbers 910, 911, and 912, from (GC) General Commercial to (RM) Residential Multi-Family, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Triplett made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2019-27. 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.

Mr. Triplett made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2019-27. 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. 2019-27 passed for a final reading.

Ordinance No. 2019-28 (First Reading)

An Ordinance authorizing the Safety-Service Director to advertise for bids and to enter into a contract with the lowest and best bidder, therefor, as provided by law, for various street paving improvements; authorizing payment therefor, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Triplett made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2019-28. Mr. Comerford seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Ms. Clark, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Comerford made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2019-28. Mr. Richart seconded the motion. The roll call on the 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 and Ordinance No. 2019-28 passed for a final reading.

Ordinance No. 2019-29 (First Reading)

An Ordinance authorizing the Safety-Service Director to advertise for bids and to enter into a contract with the lowest and best bidder therefor, as provided by law, for the construction of a traffic signal at SR 598 and Brandt Road, to proceed, authorizing payment therefor, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Comerford made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2019-29. Mr. Triplett seconded the motion. The roll call on the 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. Comerford made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2019-29. Mr. Triplett seconded the motion. The roll call on the 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 and Ordinance No. 2019-29 passed for a final reading.

Other Business

Upcoming committees:

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

Utilities – May 1, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Parks and Recreation – May 8, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Finance – May 22 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Police, Fire and Health – April 24, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. - cancelled

Economic Development and Airport – May 21, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Streets, Alleys, Trees, & Bridges – May 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Liquor Permit Transfer from Geyers Market Inc. DBA Geyers Super Valu to Galion Fresh Market, Inc. after discussion of the various aspects of this transfer Mr. Richart made the motion to request a public hearing on the matter to be held in the county seat. Ms. Clark seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion 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

Auditor's Report

Reported that Eunice of his staff is out for a while. Will have several issues for the finance committee.

Finances are in good shape.

Treasurer's Report

Trying to set up a meeting with Meeder regarding funds for debt. Will be scheduling an investment committee meeting. Attending educational training next month

Director of Law

6th District Court has ruled that marking tires for parking enforcement is unconstitutional. Will have to see how this comes out but for now we have to discontinue the practice.

Mayor's Report

Thanked council for passing legislation. Asked about Port Authority that was passed out of the Economic Development Committee.

President of Council

Nothing

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 8:45 p.m.

Carl W. Watt
Council President

Julie L. Bell
Clerk of Council