

**GALION CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
October 9, 2018**

The October 9, 2018 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, Ms. Erlsten, Dr. Fellner, Mr. Richart, and Mr. Triplett.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to excuse Ms. Clark. Mr. Triplett seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to excuse Mr. Comerford which was seconded by Mr. Richart. Motion carried 5-0. Mr. Comerford did arrive at 7:03 p.m. and was in attendance from the approval of minutes through the end of the meeting.

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, and SSD Ward.

Department Heads in attendance: Matt Echelberry

President Watt asked for a motion to approve the minutes from September 25, 2018 regular meeting. Mr. Baldinger made the motion to approve which was seconded by Mr. Triplett. Motion carried 6-0.

President Watt asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the October 4, 2018 special meeting. Mr. Triplett made the motion seconded by Ms. Richart. Motion carried 6-0.

President Watt asked for a motion to add Ordinance No. 2018-64 to the agenda. Dr. Fellner made the motion which was seconded by Ms. Erlsten. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea. Motion carried 6-0.

President Watt asked for a motion to add Resolution No. 2018-11 to the agenda. Ms. Erlsten made the motion which was seconded by Mr. Richart. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea. Motion carried 6-0.

President Watt asked for a motion to add Resolution No. 2018-12 to the agenda. Mr. Baldinger made the motion which was seconded by Mr. Triplett. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea. Motion carried 6-0.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to approve the agenda as amended which was seconded by Mr. Comerford. Motion carried 6-0.

Public Comment:

State Representative Riordan McClain spoke about his run for his current seat. He also provided a legislative update.

Legislation

Ordinance No. 2018-58 (Third Reading)

An Ordinance amending Section 945.01 of the City of Galion Codified Ordinances.

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

The roll call on Ordinance No. 2018-58 resulted as follows: Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, nay, Motion carried by a vote of 5-1 and Ordinance No. 2018-58 passed for a Final Reading.

Ordinance No. 2018-64 (First Reading)

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2017-66 (Permanent 2018 Appropriations) by appropriating from unappropriated funds in the General fund, and declaring an emergency.

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

After much discussion on various aspects of the property and if the city would have potential liability, Mr. Triplett made the motion to table (to an indefinite time) which was seconded by Ms. Erlsten. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Triplett, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea. Motion carried 6-0.

Ordinance No. 2018-65 (First Reading)

An Ordinance authorizing the Safety-Service Director to apply for and accept a Law Enforcement Body Armor Grant made available through the Ohio Attorney General, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Triplett made the motion to approve seconded by Mr. Comerford.

Mr. Baldinger made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2018-65. Mr. Comerford seconded the motion. The roll call resulted as follows: Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea. Motion carried 6-0.

The roll call on Ordinance No. 2018-65 resulted as follows: Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea. Motion carried by a vote of 6-0 and Ordinance No. 2018-65 passed for a Final Reading.

Resolution No. 2018-11 (First Reading)

A Resolution approving the appointment of Nadia Oehler to the Galion City Health Board, as appointed by the city mayor, and declaring an emergency.

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

Mr. Triplett made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Resolution No. 2018-11. Mr. Comerford seconded the motion. The roll call resulted as follows: Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea. Motion carried 6-0.

The roll call on Resolution No. 2018-11 resulted as follows: Ms. Erlsten, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea. Motion carried by a vote of 6-0 and Resolution No. 2018-11 passed for a Final Reading.

Resolution No. 2018-12 (First Reading)

A Resolution approving the appointment of Kara Ault to the Galion City Health Board, as appointed by the city mayor, and declaring an emergency.

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

Mr. Triplett made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Resolution No. 2018-12. Mr. Comerford seconded the motion. The roll call resulted as follows: Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea. Motion carried 6-0.

The roll call on Resolution No. 2018-12 resulted as follows: Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea. Motion carried by a vote of 6-0 and Resolution No. 2018-12 passed for a Final Reading.

Other Business

Upcoming committees:

Laws, Ordinances, Zoning, and Permits – no date announced

Utilities – no date announced

Parks and Recreation – October 10, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Finance – October 17, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. – will be discussing budget and property next door. Budget being sent out on October 15, 2018.

Police, Fire and Health – October 24, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Economic Development and Airport – October 16, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Streets, Alleys, Trees, & Bridges – October 11, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Auditor's Report

First meeting out of Fiscal Emergency. 625 balance dropped as planned. Finances are in good shape.

Treasurer's Report

Not in attendance

Director of Law

Did join in as an amicus party on the appeal.

Mayor's Report

The Mayor stated that the general fund has a balance of \$6M. Currently in the budget process for 2019. May want to look at creating a capital improvement fund.

Would like to see council video tape their meetings.

State Route 598 will be closed for a pole replacement project.

An increase in water and sewer charges may be necessary in the future.

President of Council

No comment

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 8:04 p.m.

Carl W. Watt
Council President

Julie L. Bell
Clerk of Council