

**GALION CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
October 24, 2017**

The October 24 2017 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, Mrs. Bean, Ms. Clark, Mr. Comerford, Dr. Fellner, and Mr. Triplett.

Mrs. Bean made the motion to excuse Mr. Hedges which was seconded by Mr. Triplett. 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, Director of Law Palmer, Treasurer Sparks, and Auditor Treisch.

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

President Watt asked for a motion to approve the minutes from October 10, 2017. Mr. Baldinger made the motion to approve the minutes which was seconded by Mr. Triplett Motion carried.

President Watt asked for a motion to add the Galion Community Theatre Liquor License which was made by Ms. Clark and seconded by Mr. Comerford. The roll call resulted as follows: Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mrs. Bean, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Comerford made the motion to approve the agenda as amended which was seconded by Mr. Triplett. Motion carried.

**Public Comments**

Farence Beach, 311 First Avenue, Galion, Ohio. I would like to thank the Mayor and the council for all they have done for the city. Before we had a mayor nothing was done under the charter. We now have business coming to town, streets getting repaired. If the fire department or the police department needs any equipment the council sees to it that they get it. Thank you.

Joe Kleinknecht, 656 Portland Way South, Galion, Ohio representing the Galion Crestline Chamber of Commerce. Stated that he gave each one of you an invite to our Candidates Forum taking place a week from Thursday, November 2, 2017, 7:00 p.m. at the Galion Community Theatre. There is going to social time at 6:30 p.m. with the forum actually beginning at 7:00 p.m. During the 6:30 – 7:00 time if people want to submit questions for review and they may be asked later in the evening if we have time, we will do that. The forum is for all the Galion city candidates and I want to clear up one thing is that the intent of this forum is for the candidates to share what they see as issues, opportunities, needs, and solutions. Galion High School government students will be asking questions of each candidate. Remarks about other candidates will not be permitted. And with time permitting previously submitted audiences will be posed to the candidates. This is not a debate, but an opportunity for all candidates to share their platform to citizens of Galion. We feel that it is important that the citizens know what the people stand for if they are going to run for public office. That is the only reason we are having the forum, in spite of some things that are being said, we have not given any of the questions to anybody ahead of time. Only a few people know what they are and we would appreciate you all coming out. Thank you.

Terry Gribble – Director – Galion YMCA – provided a report on the 2017 seasons for Heise Pool and the Splash Park.

## **Legislation**

### **Ordinance No. 2017-59 (First Reading)**

An Ordinance authorizing the Safety-Service Director and/or Mayor to apply for and accept a grant and / or loan funds through the Local Transportation Improvement Program (LTIP) State Capital Improvement Program (SCIP) and or Revolving Loan Program (RLP) under Round 32 of Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) funding to be use for the Southeast Storm Sewer Phase II project, and declaring an emergency.

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

Dr. Fellner made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2017-59. Mr. Comerford seconded the motion. The roll call resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mrs. Bean, yea, Ms. Clark, yea. Motion carried 6-0.

The roll call on Ordinance No. 2017-59 resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mrs. Bean, yea, Ms. Clark, yea. Motion carried by a vote of 6-0 and Ordinance No. 2017-59 passed for a Final Reading.

### **Ordinance No. 2017-60 (First Reading)**

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2016-106 (Permanent 2017 Appropriations) by decreasing appropriations, 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.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2017-60. Mr. Triplett seconded the motion. The roll call resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mrs. Bean, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea. Motion carried 6-0.

The roll call on Ordinance No. 2017-60 resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mrs. Bean, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea. Motion carried by a vote of 6-0 and Ordinance No. 2017-60 passed for a Final Reading.

### **Ordinance No. 2017-61 (First Reading)**

An Ordinance authorizing the Safety-Service Director to apply for and accept an Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation Safety Intervention Grant, and declaring an emergency.

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

Mr. Baldinger made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2017-61. Mr. Comerford seconded the motion. The roll call resulted as follows: Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mrs. Bean, yea, Ms. Clark, yea. Motion carried 6-0.

The roll call on Ordinance No. 2017-61 resulted as follows: Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mrs. Bean, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea. Motion carried by a vote of 6-0 and Ordinance No. 2017-61 passed for a Final Reading.

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

A Resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax rates and certifying same to the auditor.

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

Dr. Fellner made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Resolution No. 2017-14. Mr. Comerford seconded the motion. The roll call resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mrs. Bean, yea, Ms. Clark, yea. Motion carried 6-0.

The roll call on Resolution No. 2017-14 resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mrs. Bean, yea, Ms. Clark, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea. Motion carried by a vote of 6-0 and Resolution No. 2017-14 passed for a Final Reading.

**Resolution No. 2017-15 (First Reading)**

A Resolution approving and ratifying the prior acts of the Department Heads and Safety-Service Director and approving a “Then and Now” certificate for said expenditure, and declaring an emergency.

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

Dr. Fellner made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Resolution No. 2017-15. Mr. Comerford seconded the motion. The roll call resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mrs. Bean, yea, Ms. Clark, yea. Motion carried 6-0.

The roll call on Resolution No. 2017-15 resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mrs. Bean, yea, Ms. Clark, yea. Motion carried by a vote of 6-0 and Resolution No. 2017-15 passed for a Final Reading.

Other Business

There were no objections to the D1 Liquor Permit request for the Galion Community Theatre.

Dr. Fellner reported that he went to the Opiate Task Force in Marion

Upcoming committees:

Laws, Ordinances, Zoning & Permits –

Police, Fire and Health – October 25, 2017– 7:00 p.m. -CANCELLED

Utilities – October 25, 2017 – Special Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

Finance –November 8, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. will be Committee of the Whole – Budget Work Session

Economic Development and Airport – October 26, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Parks and Recreation –

Bob Johnston spoke regarding the Letter to the Editor. He notified and called all candidates including Bodkins. Reported that after so many reports that he gave up on contacting any candidates.

Auditor’s Report

Announced Committee of the Whole for November 8, 2017. Thanked staff for additional information.

Treasurer’s Report

Went to a Treasurer’s Bootcamp that is required to do investments.

Director of Law

Reminded that all elected officials need to complete a Sunshine Law Training – each term.

Mayor’s Report

Mayor updated on the Englefield project that Frontier is still working on the movement of lines.

Met a week ago Friday regarding the Bell Stores project. There have been some site plan changes. Diesel pumps and canopy have been moved.

Rumors regarding the Auctions signs that it cancels the Valero project. The auction is for the timber at the back of the property only. No soil samples for tank location have been done yet. The annexation the city is working on will allow city to do access permitting versus the state.

Matt Echelberry provided an update on the Public Records requests. 77 vs 103 for this time last year. 2016 had a total 112. The police department handles all their own and are not included in those numbers

President of Council

Stressed that Sunshine Law Training needs done. Get out and vote.

President Watt asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Triplett made the motion and Ms. Clark seconded. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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

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