

**GALION CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING (via Zoom)  
January 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**

The January 12, 2021 meeting of Galion City Council held via Zoom 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: Ms. Ault, Mr. Bodkins, Ms. Erlsten, Dr. Fellner, Mr. Ivy, 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 Baldinger, Director of Law Palmer, and Safety-Service Director Ward.

President Watt asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the December 22, 2020 regular meeting. Dr. Fellner made the motion to approve as presented. Mr. Bodkins seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

President Watt asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the December 28, 2020 special meeting. Mr. Ivy made the motion to approve as presented. Mr. Triplett seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

President Watt asked for a motion to add Ordinance No. 2021-1 to the agenda. Ms. Erlsten made the motion which was seconded by Mr. Ivy. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

President Watt asked for a motion to add Ordinance No. 2021-2 to the agenda. Mr. Triplett made the motion which was seconded by Mr. Bodkins. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

President Watt asked for a motion to add Ordinance No. 2021-3 to the agenda. Mr. Richart made the motion which was seconded by Mr. Bodkins. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

President Watt asked for a motion to add Resolution No. 2021-1 to the agenda. Ms. Ault made the motion which was seconded by Mr. Ivy. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

President Watt asked for a motion to add Resolution No. 2021-2 to the agenda. Dr. Fellner made the motion which was seconded by Ms. Erlsten. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

President Watt asked for a motion to add Resolution No. 2021-3 to the agenda. Dr. Fellner made the motion which was seconded by Mr. Bodkins. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to approve the agenda as amended which was seconded by Mr. Ivy. Motion carried 7-0.

**Legislation**

**Ordinance No. 2021-1 (First Reading)**

An ordinance authorizing and directing the Safety-Service Director to advertise for bids and to enter into contracts with the lowest and best bidders therefore, according to law, for the purchase of certain materials and equipment required and needed for the operation of the various departments of the City of Galion, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2021-1. Mr. Ivy seconded the motion. The roll call resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Triplett made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2021-1. Mr. Bodkins seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2021-1 resulted as follows: Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Ault, yea. Motion carried 7-0 and Ordinance No. 2021-1 passed for final reading.

**Ordinance No. 2021-2 (First Reading)**

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a lease with the Army Corps of Engineers for the purpose of installing and maintaining a precipitation station at the water filtration plant; and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Richart made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2021-2. Dr. Fellner seconded the motion. The roll call resulted as follows: Mr. Richart, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Ivy made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2021-2. Dr. Fellner seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2021-2 resulted as follows: Mr. Ivy, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea. Motion carried 7-0 and Ordinance No. 2021-2 passed for final reading.

**Ordinance No. 2021-3 (First Reading)**

An ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 2020-96 and to now approve appropriating property interest described as Parcel 52-T and 52-WD now owned by Lieben Group LP, for the purpose of making or repairing roads which are open to the public without charge, authorizing the appropriation of funds for deposit with the Clerk of Courts, and authorizing the City Director of Law to file a petition for appropriation in the Court of Common Pleas, Crawford County, Ohio; and declaring an emergency.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2021-3. Mr. Ivy seconded the motion. The roll call resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Triplett made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2021-3. Mr. Ivy seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2021-3 resulted as follows: Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea. Motion carried 7-0 and Ordinance No. 2021-3 passed for final reading.

**Resolution No. 2021-1 (First Reading)**

A resolution amending Resolution No. 2020-14 declaring the necessity and intention of the City to appropriate fee simple interests and temporary easements for Ten (10) parcels for the purpose of State Route 598 widening by adding attachments 48-S, 48-T1, and 48-T2, causing a revised notice to be issued; and declaring an emergency.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Resolution No. 2021-1. Ms. Erlsten seconded the motion. The roll call resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Triplett made the motion to pass Resolution No. 2021-1. Mr. Bodkins seconded the motion. The roll call on Resolution No. 2021-1 resulted as follows: Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Ault, yea. Motion carried 7-0 and Resolution No. 2021-1 passed for final reading.

**Resolution No. 2021-2 (First Reading)**

A resolution re-appointing Heath Watkins to the Board of Trustees of the Egbert M. Freese Foundation; and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Richart made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Resolution No. 2021-2. Dr. Fellner seconded the motion. The roll call resulted as follows: Mr. Richart, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Triplett made the motion to pass Resolution No. 2021-2. Ms. Erlsten seconded the motion. The roll call on Resolution No. 2021-2 resulted as follows: Mr. Triplett, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Bodkins, no, Ms. Ault, yea. Motion carried 6-1 and Resolution No. 2021-2 passed for final reading.

**Resolution No. 2021-3 (First Reading)**

A resolution appointing Eric Gimbel and Patty Roston as voting members to the Galion Design Review Board; and declaring an emergency.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Resolution No. 2021-3. Mr. Bodkins seconded the motion. The roll call resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Ms. Ault, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Bodkins made the motion to pass Resolution No. 2021-3. Ms. Erlsten seconded the motion. The roll call on Resolution No. 2021-3 resulted as follows: Mr. Triplett, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Richart, abstain, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Ault, yea. Motion carried 6-0 with 1 abstention and Resolution No. 2021-3 passed for a final reading.

Upcoming committees:

Laws, Ordinances, Zoning, and Permits –

Utilities –

Parks and Recreation January 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom - CANCELLED

Finance – January 20, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Police, Fire and Health – January 21, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Economic Development and Airport – January 19, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Streets, Alleys, Trees, & Bridges – January 14, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom - CANCELLED

Auditor's Report

Nothing

Treasurer's Report

Not in attendance

Director of Law

Annual Report was presented. Reminded everyone about the Financial Disclosure filing.

Mayor's Report

Continue to mention that we are moving forward in the transition from 2020 to 2021. Some departments have urgent needs so you may hear some grumblings. People are getting anxious.

Continue to see movement on Renschville housing. Port Authority meeting today. Moving ahead.

Conversation regarding units 3 and 4 in Carter Crossing. Starting concrete work. They are trying to decide the best time to purchase the lumber.

City may have a roll in the old Pamida property turn around in the spring.

Optimistic about movement on the PECO property redevelopment. Demo of the old building and building a new building in the current parking lot area.

President of Council

Nothing

Pastor Ash Welch gave the benediction for the meeting.

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 7:47 p.m.

**Carl W. Watt, President of Council**

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