

**GALION CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
March 28, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.**

The March 28, 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, 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, and SSD Ward.

President Webber asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the March 14, 2023 regular meeting. Mr. Bodkins made the motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Zeger seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

President Webber asked to add Ordinance No. 2023-26 to the agenda. Ms. Zeger made the motion to add Ordinance No. 2023-26 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, Ms. Frank, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea. Motion carried 6-0.

President Webber asked to add Ordinance No. 2023-28 to the agenda. Ms. Ault made the motion to add Ordinance No. 2023-28 to the agenda. Ms. Frank seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Durbin, yea, Ms. Frank, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Richart made the motion to approve the agenda as amended which was seconded by Ms. Frank. Motion carried 6-0.

Citizen Participation

None

Legislation

Ordinance No. 2023-23 (Second 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.

Mr. Richart made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2023-23. Mr. Bodkins seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Durbin, no, Ms. Frank, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea, Ms. Ault, yea. Motion carried 5-1.

Mr. Richart made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2023-23. Mr. Bodkins seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2023-23 resulted as follows: Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Durbin, no, Ms. Frank, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea, Ms. Ault, yea. Motion carried 5-1 and Ordinance No. 2023-23 passed for a final reading

Ordinance No. 2023-21 (First Reading)

An Ordinance retroactively authorizing the Safety-Service Director to execute tow (2) agreements between the Auditor of State Keith Faber, the City of Galion and Perry & Associates, Certified Public Accountants, relating to auditing services to be performed for the City of Galion for the years ending December 31, 2021 and December 31, 2022, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Richart made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2023-21. Ms. Zeger seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Durbin, yea, Ms. Frank, yea. Motion carried 6-0.

Ms. Zeger made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2023-21. Ms. Frank seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2023-21 resulted as follows: Ms. Zeger, yea, Ms. Frank, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Durbin, yea. Motion carried 6-0 and Ordinance No. 2023-21 passed for a final reading.

Ordinance No. 2023-25 (First Reading)

An Ordinance amending the Investment Policy for funds of the City of Galion, and declaring an emergency.

Ordinance No. 2023-25 was held to a First Reading.

Ordinance No. 2023-26 (First Reading)

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

Mr. Richart made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2023-26. Ms. Zeger seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Durbin, yea, Ms. Frank, yea. Motion carried 6-0.

Ms. Zeger made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2023-26. Mr. Richart seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2023-26 resulted as follows: Ms. Zeger, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Durbin, yea, Ms. Frank, yea. Motion carried 6-0 and Ordinance No. 2023-26 passed for a final reading.

Ordinance No. 2023-27 (First Reading)

An Ordinance establishing the Brownfield Grant Fund (274), and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Zeger made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2023-27. Mr. Richart seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Ms. Zeger, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Durbin, yea, Ms. Frank, yea. Motion carried 6-0.

Ms. Frank made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2023-27. Mr. Bodkins seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2023-27 resulted as follows: Ms. Frank, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Durbin, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea, Ms. Ault, yea. Motion carried 6-0 and Ordinance No. 2023-27 passed for a final reading.

Ordinance No. 2023-28 (First Reading)

An Ordinance approving decisions of the City of Galion Treasury Investment Board, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Richart made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2023-28. Ms. Frank seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Frank, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Durbin, yea. Motion carried 6-0.

Ms. Zeger made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2023-28. Mr. Richart seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2023-28 resulted as follows: Ms. Zeger, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Durbin, yea, Ms. Frank, yea. Motion carried 6-0 and Ordinance No. 2023-28 passed for a final reading.

Resolution No. 2023-4 (First Reading)

A Resolution approving the appointment of Heidi Matney to the Galion City Health Board, as appointed by the City Mayor, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Frank made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Resolution No. 2023-4. Mr. Richart seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Ms. Frank, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Durbin, yea. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Richart made the motion to pass Resolution No. 2023-4. Ms. Durbin seconded the motion. The roll call on Resolution No. 2023-4 resulted as follows: Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Durbin, yea, Ms. Frank, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea. Motion carried 6-0 and Resolution No. 2023-4 passed for a final reading.

Other Business

Ms. Ault asked if there was any update on the Keller property. Mayor responded that there has been a series of emails back and forth.

Ms. Durbin asked if the mayor was going to apologize. Ms. Durbin asked the mayor to resign.

A letter from a citizen that was handed out to council members before the meeting was discussed. The letter writer stated that the mayor should apologize as well.

Laws, Ordinances, Zoning, and Permits – April 4, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

Utilities – April 5, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

Parks and Recreation – April 12, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

Streets, Alleys, Trees, and Bridges – April 13, 2023 – 6:30 p.m.

Economic Development and Airport – April 18, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

Finance – April 19, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

Police, Fire, and Health – April 20, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

Auditor's Report

Auditor Saterfield handed out his report. 34.5% on expenses. Revenues are at 23%. Reconciliations for February are done. There is a staffing change starting Monday. He was asked if it was a result of the staffing ordinance change. He stated that it was not but it was a positive change.

Treasurer's Report

Not in attendance.

Director of Law

Not in attendance

Mayor's Report

Nothing

President of Council

Stated that currently there is no substitute for Experience Galion. There is currently no place for the bed tax that previously went to them to go. It was used to assist with funding of the fireworks. Looking for an entity that can fulfill that role.

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 8:11 p.m.

Eric Webber, President of Council

Julie L Bell, Clerk of Council