

**GALION CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
April 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.**

The April 11, 2023 meeting of Galion City Council was called to order by President of Council Eric Webber. The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by an invocation from Pastor Hunter Hickman from the Real Life Naz. Following the prayer he invited all city employees to an appreciation banquet on May 19, 2023 from 4-6 p.m.

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 28, 2023 regular meeting. Ms. Zeger made the motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Frank seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

President Webber asked to add Ordinance No. 2023-30 to the agenda. Ms. Zeger made the motion to add Ordinance No. 2023-30 to the agenda. Ms. Ault 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. 2023-31 to the agenda. Ms. Frank made the motion to add Ordinance No. 2023-31 to the agenda. Ms. Zeger 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. 2023-32 to the agenda. Ms. Ault made the motion to add Ordinance No. 2023-32 to the agenda. Mr. Bodkins 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. 2023-33 to the agenda. Mr. Richart made the motion to add Ordinance No. 2023-33 to the agenda. Ms. Zeger seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Durbin, no, Ms. Frank, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea. Motion carried 5-1.

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

CDBG Program Presentation

David Zak from the Crawford Partnership did a CDBG presentation as part of the citizen participation of the county's CHIP grant. A sign-in sheet was distributed for all attendees to sign.

Executive Session

Ms. Zeger made the motion to go into Executive Session for the purposes of Pending or imminent Court Action and to Consider the appointment of a public official. Ms. Frank seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion 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 the council entered executive session at approximately 7:34 p.m.

Ms. Durbin made the motion to enter back into regular session. Ms. Zeger seconded. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Ms. Durbin, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Frank, yea, Mr. Richart, yea. Motion carried 6-0 and the regular session resumed at 9:19 p.m.

Election of Council-at Large Member

Ms. Zeger made the motion to select Mr. Erik Miller to fill the vacant Council-At-Large seat. Ms. Durbin seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Ms. Zeger, yea, Ms. Durbin, yea, Ms. Frank, no, Mr. Richart, no, Ms. Ault, no, Mr. Bodkins, no. Motion failed 2-4.

Mr. Richart made the motion to select Mr. Carl Watt to fill the vacant Council-At-Large seat. 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, no, Ms. Ault, yea. Motion carried 4-2 and Mr. Watt was selected.

Immediately following his election, Mr. Watt was sworn in by Council President Eric Webber.

Legislation

Ordinance No. 2023-25 (Second Reading)

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

Mr. Richart made the motion to amend the second Whereas section to delete “the policy by removing” and to Amend Section 1 by deleting “by deleting” and adding “to read as follows: The City of Galion Treasury Investment Board shall have the authority to renew Certificates of Deposit and other renewable investments. The City Treasurer will report to Council in writing when these transactions are up for renewal and will report to Council in writing when these transactions are completed” and to Amend Section 2 by substituting the word “deletion” for “amendment.” Ms. Durbin seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Durbin, yea, Mr. Watt, yea, Ms. Frank, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Ms. Zeger made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2023-35. Ms. Durbin seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Ms. Zeger, yea, Ms. Durbin, yea, Mr. Watt, yea, Ms. Frank, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Ms. Durbin made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2023-25. Mr. Bodkins seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2023-25 resulted as follows: Ms. Durbin, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Mr. Watt, yea, Ms. Frank, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea, Ms. Ault, yea. Motion carried 7-0 and Ordinance No. 2023-25 passed for a final reading

Ordinance No. 2023-29 (First Reading)

An Ordinance authorizing the Safety-Service Director to contract for internet auction services to dispose of unneeded personal property owned by the City of Galion, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Richart made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2023-29. 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, Mr. Watt, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Ms. Zeger made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2023-29. Ms. Frank seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2023-29 resulted as follows: Ms. Zeger, yea, Ms. Frank, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Durbin, yea, Mr. Watt, yea. Motion carried 7-0 and Ordinance No. 2023-29 passed for a final reading

Ordinance No. 2023-30 (First Reading)

An Ordinance authorizing the City of Galion to participate in the 2023 ODOT Winter Contract for Road Salt and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Frank made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2023-30. Mr. Watt seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Ms. Frank, yea, Mr. Watt, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Durbin, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Ms. Frank made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2023-30. Mr. Richart seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2023-30 resulted as follows: Ms. Frank, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea, Ms. Ault, yea,

Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Durbin, yea, Mr. Watt, yea. Motion carried 7-0 and Ordinance No. 2023-30 passed for a final reading.

Ordinance No. 2023-31 (First Reading)

An Ordinance to participate in the new One Ohio Subdivision Settlements and authorizing the Safety-Service Director and/or Director of Law to sign same, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Ault made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2023-31. Ms. Zeger seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Ms. Ault, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Durbin, yea, Mr. Watt, yea, Ms. Frank, yea, Mr. Richart, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Ms. Ault made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2023-31. Ms. Frank seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2023-31 resulted as follows: Ms. Ault, yea, Ms. Frank, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Durbin, yea, Mr. Watt, yea. Motion carried 7-0 and Ordinance No. 2023-31 passed for a final reading.

Ordinance No. 2023-32 (First Reading)

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2022-98 (Permanent 2023 Appropriations) by appropriating funds in the General Fund, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Ault made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2023-32. Ms. Zeger seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Ms. Ault, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Durbin, yea, Mr. Watt, yea, Ms. Frank, yea, Mr. Richart, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Ms. Zeger made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2023-32. Ms. Frank seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2023-32 resulted as follows: Ms. Zeger, yea, Ms. Frank, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Durbin, yea, Mr. Watt, yea. Motion carried 7-0 and Ordinance No. 2023-32 passed for a final reading.

Ordinance No. 2023-33 (First Reading)

An Ordinance authorizing the purchase of certain real property and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Ault made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2023-33. Ms. Zeger seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Ms. Ault, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Durbin, no, Mr. Watt, yea, Ms. Frank, yea, Mr. Richart, yea. Motion carried 6-1.

Ms. Zeger made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2023-33. Ms. Ault seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2023-33 resulted as follows: Ms. Zeger, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Durbin, no, Mr. Watt, yea, Ms. Frank, yea, Mr. Richart, yea. Motion carried 6-1 and Ordinance No. 2023-33 passed for a final reading.

Other Business

Mr. Bodkins praised Officer Grant for his service in a recent lock out.

Ms. Durbin asked the Mayor to resign.

Laws, Ordinances, Zoning, and Permits –

Utilities –

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. Due to being late he asked anyone with questions to let him know.

Treasurer's Report

Not in attendance.

Director of Law

Praised Council for their professionalism in the deliberations regarding the candidates for Council at Large.

Mayor's Report

Mayor urged that it would be unfortunate if things discussed in Executive Session were shared.

Mr. Bodkins thanked everyone for getting the deal done.

President of Council

Also expressed his thanks for getting the real estate deal finalized.

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 6-1 and the meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Eric Webber, President of Council

Julie L Bell, Clerk of Council