

**GALION CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
April 25, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.**

The April 25, 2023 meeting of Galion City Council was called to order by President of Council Eric Webber. The Pledge of Allegiance was followed a moment of silence.

Clerk of Council Julie Bell called roll with the following members present: Mr. Bodkins, Ms. Durbin, Ms. Frank, Mr. Richart, Mr. Watt, and Ms. Zeger.

Mr. Bodkins made a motion to excuse Ms. Ault. Ms. Frank seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

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, Director of Law Palmer, Treasurer Porter (came in part way through the meeting) and SSD Ward.

President Webber asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the April 11, 2023 regular meeting. Ms. Durbin made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Watt seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

President Webber asked to add Ordinance No. 2023-36 to the agenda. Ms. Frank made the motion to add Ordinance No. 2023-36 to the agenda. Mr. Richart seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Durbin, yea, Ms. Frank, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Watt, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea. Motion carried 6-0.

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

Citizen Participation

Mr. Steve Rowan, 1130 St. Rt. 61, Galion. Asked if Nazor Road is on the list to be paved this year.

Legislation

Ordinance No. 2023-34 (First Reading)

An Ordinance authorizing the Safety-Service Director to advertise for bids and to enter into a contract with the lowest and best bidder therefor, as provided by law, for the Live Line Tree Clearing, to proceed, authorizing payment therefor, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Richart made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2023-34. 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, Mr. Watt, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea. Motion failed 5-1.

Ordinance No. 2023-34 was held to a first reading

Ordinance No. 2023-35 (First Reading)

An Ordinance vacating a portion of an unnamed unimproved north-south alley between inlots 561 and 562 extending south from East Church a distance of 66 feet more or less, being a 0.075 acres and reserving utility easements, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Watt made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2023-35. Mr. Bodkins seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Watt, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Durbin, yea, Ms. Frank, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea. Motion carried 6-0.

Ms. Zeger made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2023-35. Mr. Bodkins seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2023-35 resulted as follows: Ms. Zeger, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Durbin, yea, Ms. Frank, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Watt, yea. Motion carried 6-0 and Ordinance No. 2023-35 passed for a final reading.

Ordinance No. 2023-36 (First Reading)

An Ordinance authorizing the Safety-Service Director to submit an application for grant funds under the Ohio Airport Grant Program, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Richart made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2023-36. Ms. Frank seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Frank, yea, Mr. Watt, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Durbin, yea. Motion carried 6-0.

Ms. Frank made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2023-36. Mr. Watt seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2023-36 resulted as follows: Ms. Frank, yea, Mr. Watt, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Durbin, yea, Mr. Richart, yea. Motion carried 6-0 and Ordinance No. 2023-36 passed for a final reading.

Ordinance No. 2023-37 (First Reading)

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

Ms. Zeger made the motion to amend Ordinance No. 2023-37 by removing Sections 6, 7, and 8. Ms. Frank seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Ms. Zeger, yea, Ms. Frank, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Watt, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Durbin, yea. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Richart made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on amended Ordinance No. 2023-37. Mr. Watt seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Watt, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Durbin, yea, Ms. Frank, yea. Motion carried 6-0.

Ms. Frank made the motion to pass amended Ordinance No. 2023-37. Mr. Richart seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2023-37 resulted as follows: Ms. Frank, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Watt, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Durbin, yea. Motion carried 6-0 and Ordinance No. 2023-37 passed for a final reading.

Ordinance No. 2023-38 (First Reading)

An Ordinance authorizing the Safety-Service Director to enter into an agreement with Mull & Weithman Architects, Inc., for professional architectural / engineering services related to the Big Four Depot Renovation Project, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Watt made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2023-38. Mr. Bodkins seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Watt, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Durbin, yea, Ms. Frank, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea. Motion carried 6-0.

Ms. Frank made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2023-38. Mr. Bodkins seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2023-38 resulted as follows: Ms. Frank, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Durbin, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Watt, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea. Motion carried 6-0 and Ordinance No. 2023-38 passed for a final reading.

Resolution No. 2023-6 (First Reading)

A Resolution authorizing the Safety-Service Director to contract for the disposal of unneeded personal property owned by the City of Galion, and declaring an emergency.

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

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

Other Business

Ms. Durbin stated she was asking the Mayor to resign for the 4th time.

Laws, Ordinances, Zoning, and Permits – May 2, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.
Utilities – May 3, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.
Parks and Recreation – May 10, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.
Streets, Alleys, Trees, and Bridges – May 11, 2023 – 6:30 p.m.
Economic Development and Airport – May 16, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.
Finance – May 17, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.
Police, Fire, and Health – May 18, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

Auditor's Report

Auditor Saterfield handed out his report. Revenues are at 31% and Expenses are at 37%. Working on the reconciliation. Going over the budget with potential issues that need taken to finance committee.

Treasurer's Report

Nothing

Director of Law

Thanked council for supporting his legal services and the \$48K. Thanked them for the Depot funding as well.

Mayor's Report

Stated that 598 will start up soon. There will be a step 2 hearing on the contractor claims.

Freese allocation for 2023 has arrived. Will bid the pickle ball court and parking lot together.

There will be a management transition at the Central Hotel. Looking for HUD certified manager.

Mr. Bodkins thanked Thomas Palmer, Nikki Ward and Matt Echelberry for all their work.

Jim Gerstenslager expressed his appreciate for the Depot funding.

Executive Session

Ms. Zeger made the motion to go into Executive Session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, compensation of a public employee or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual. Mr. Richart seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Ms. Zeger, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Watt, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Durbin, yea, Ms. Frank, yea. Motion carried 6-0 and the council entered executive session at approximately 8:23 p.m.

Ms. Frank made the motion to enter back into regular session. Ms. Zeger seconded. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Ms. Frank, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Durbin, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Watt, yea. Motion carried 6-0 and the regular session resumed at 8:50 p.m.

President of Council

Nothing

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 6-0 and the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Eric Webber, President of Council

Julie L Bell, Clerk of Council