

**GALION CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
May 23, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.**

The May 23, 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: Ms. Ault, Mr. Bodkins, Ms. Durbin, Mr. Richart, Mr. Watt, and Ms. Zeger.

Ms. Zeger made the motion to excuse Ms. Frank. Ms. Durbin 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, and SSD Ward.

President Webber asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 9, 2023 regular meeting. Mr. Bodkins made the motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Ault seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

President Webber asked to add Ordinance No. 2023-47 to the agenda. Mr. Richart made the motion to add Ordinance No. 2023-47 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, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Watt, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea. Motion carried 6-0.

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

Citizen Participation

Ms. Treasia Gordon., 4482 Bucyrus Ave, Galion, OH – Spoke about concerns with the Progressive Pride Flag being displayed in a prominent area of Galion and that the American Flag was all inclusive and already represented everyone.

Joshua Keller, 209 S. Union Street, Galion, OH – Expressed his concerns about additional flags being added to the square.

Legislation

Ordinance No. 2023-39 (Second Reading)

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2013-53 as it pertains to compensation for the Director of Law.

Ordinance No. 2023-39 was held to a Second Reading.

Ordinance No. 2023-43 (Second Reading)

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

Ordinance No. 2023-43 was held to a Second Reading.

Ordinance No. 2023-44 (First Reading)

An Ordinance vacating an unnamed East-West 15 foot wide alley located between inlots 1727 and 1728 a distance of 196 feet being 0.067 acres more or less, and reserving utility easements.

Mr. Richart made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2023-44. Mr. Bodkins seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Durbin, yea, Mr. Watt, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea, Ms. Ault, yea. Motion carried 6-0.

Ms. Ault made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2023-44. Ms. Zeger seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2023-44 resulted as follows: Ms. Ault, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Durbin, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Watt, yea. Motion carried 6-0 and Ordinance No. 2023-44 passed for a final reading.

Ordinance No. 2023-45 (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. 2023-45. Mr. Bodkins seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Durbin, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea, Mr. Watt, yea. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Richart made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2023-45. Ms. Durbin seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2023-45 resulted as follows: Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Durbin, yea, Mr. Watt, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Motion carried 6-0 and Ordinance No. 2023-45 passed for a final reading.

Ordinance No. 2023-46 (First Reading)

An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of notes in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$2,002,100, in anticipation of the issuance of bonds, for the purpose of paying the costs of (a) improving the city's sewer treatment plant by acquiring screw pump equipment, together with all necessary appurtenances thereto, (b) improving and upgrading the city's electric distribution system by replacing lines, poles, conductors, insulators, transformers and other auxiliary equipment, together with all necessary appurtenances thereto, (c) improving the city's sanitary sewer system by constructing a lift station along State Route 61, together with related site improvements and all necessary appurtenances thereto, (d) improving various public infrastructure improvements within and serving the Brandt road area, including but not limited to the design and construction of approximately 1,000 lineal feet of new roadway between State Route 598 and Keller Drive, the widening of approximately 925 lineal feet of roadway along State Route 598 including the design and construction of a turn lane and construction of the necessary storm water drainage systems for the property, together with all incidental work and related appurtenances thereto and (e) road construction improvements to State Route 19/Harding Way between certain termini, including but not limited to the design, construction and resurfacing of approximately 4.19 miles of roadway from the Morrow-Crawford county line heading west to the corporation limit, repairing and construction of curbs and curb ramps, and replacement of signage and guardrails, together with all necessary appurtenances thereto, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Watt made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2023-46. Mr. Bodkins seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Watt, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Durbin, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea, Ms. Ault, yea. Motion carried 6-0.

Ms. Zeger made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2023-46. Mr. Bodkins seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2023-46 resulted as follows: Ms. Zeger, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Durbin, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Watt, yea, Ms. Ault, yea. Motion carried 6-0 and Ordinance No. 2023-46 passed for a final reading.

Ordinance No. 2023-47 (First Reading)

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

Mr. Richart made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2023-47. Mr. Bodkins seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Durbin, abstain, Mr. Watt, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea, Ms. Ault, yea. Motion failed due to needing 6 votes to suspend the rules.

Ordinance No. 2023-47 was held to a First Reading.

Other Business

Mr. Bodkins thanked everyone in the audience for coming.

Laws, Ordinances, Zoning, and Permits -- June 6, 2023 -- 7:00 p.m.
Utilities -- June 7, 2023 -- 7:00 p.m.
Parks and Recreation -- June 14, 2023 -- 7:00 p.m.
Streets, Alleys, Trees, and Bridges -- June 8, 2023 -- 6:30 p.m.
Economic Development and Airport -- June 20, 2023 -- 7:00 p.m.
Finance -- June 21, 2023 -- 7:00 p.m.
Police, Fire, and Health -- June 15, 2023 -- 7:00 p.m.

Auditor's Report

Auditor Saterfield handed out his report. Revenues are at 42% and Expenses are at 41%. Monitoring funds. Paying invoices with about a week turn around. Will be out of the country the first week of June. Olivia did payroll by herself today.

Treasurer's Report

No report

Director of Law

No report

Mayor's Report

Noted that the 605 fund revenues are ahead of the expenses.
Couple days away from SR 598 being done. Front yards to be straightened up. Still a question on the change orders.
Amicks Drive coming soon.
Advertising the Heise Park paving project.

Carrie Zeger praised the smoothness of the drives and entrances to businesses.

Parade is on Memorial Day. Line-up is at 9 am on South Market St.

President of Council

Appreciated everyone's passion
Safety Day is coming up. Appreciates everyone's efforts -- First Lutheran Church, Health Department, and Ms. Zeger for the water. Urged everyone to keep their eyes peeled for little kid's running and playing now that school is out.

There being no further business to discuss President of Council Webber asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Bodkins made the motion and Ms. Zeger seconded. The motion carried 6-0 and the meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Eric Webber, President of Council

Julie L Bell, Clerk of Council