

**GALION CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
June 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**

The June 8, 2021 meeting of Galion City Council held via Zoom was called to order by President Carl Watt. The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by an invocation by Pastor Joe Stafford of the Wesley Chapel.

Clerk of Council Pro Tempore Natasha Hatfield 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, Treasurer Sparks, and Safety-Service Director Ward.

President Watt asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 25, 2021 regular meeting. Mr. Richart made the motion to change the vote for Ms. Ault from yes to abstain on Resolution 2021-13. Mr. Ivy seconded. The motion carried 6-0 with Ms. Ault abstaining. Mr. Triplett made the motion to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. Ivy seconded. Motion carried 6-0 with Ms. Ault abstaining.

President Watt asked for a motion to add Ordinance 2021-47 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.

President Watt asked for a motion to add Ordinance 2021-48 to the agenda. Mr. Ivy made the motion which was seconded by Mr. Richart. 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 2021-49 to the agenda. Mr. Triplett 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.

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

Legislation

Ordinance No. 2021-40 (First Reading)

An ordinance amending Ordinance No 2016-23 implementing Sections 3735.65 through 3735.70 of the Ohio Revised Code by establishing and describing expanded boundaries of a Community investment area in the City of Galion and declaring an emergency.

Dr. Fellner made the motion suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2021-40. Mr. Richart seconded the motion. The roll call resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Triplett made the motion to passed Ordinance No. 2021-40. Mr. Bodkins seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2021-40 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 2021-38 passed for a Final reading.

Ordinance No. 2021-47 (First Reading)

An ordinance establishing the Health Department Vaccine Equity Fund (232), and declaring an emergency.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2021-47. 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, no, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea. Motion carried 6-1.

Mr. Triplett made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2021-47. Mr. Bodkins seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2021-47 resulted as follows: Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Ms. Ault, no. Motion carried 6-1 and Ordinance No. 2021-47 passed for final reading.

Ordinance No. 2021-48 (First Reading)

An ordinance establishing the Health Department Vaccine Equity Fund (233), and declaring an emergency.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2021-48. 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, no. Motion carried 6-1.

Mr. Triplett made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2021-48. Mr. Ivy seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2021-48 resulted as follows: Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Ault, no, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea Motion carried 6-1 and Ordinance No. 2021-48 passed for final reading.

Ordinance No. 2021-49 (First Reading)

An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2020-92 (Permanent 2021 Appropriations) by appropriating and transferring funds in various Health Department Funds and declaring an emergency.

Ivy made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2021-49. Mr. Richart seconded the motion. The roll call resulted as follows: Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Ms. Ault, no, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea. Motion carried 6-1.

Mr. Triplett made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2021-49. Mr. Bodkins seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2021-49 resulted as follows: Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Ault, no. Motion carried 6-1 and Ordinance No. 2021-49 passed for final reading.

Other Business

Nothing

Auditor's Report

We have credit cards in hand and activated. Training will take place before cards are given out.

Treasurer's Report

Statements of Cash and expenses. Funds are in fairly good shape.

Director of Law

Positive outcome in the Sleep Inn situation. City has been recognized by the courts

Mayor's Report

Sleep Inn current owners is looking for a buying through a private sale.

Central Hotel – working on a final agreement. Looking at getting he building assessed and appraised as to the condition etc.

State Budget – along with the Health Department they are looking at limiting broadband for cities.

Water Fund – looking at debts and reviewing to see if they are being paid from the proper fund.

Biden dollars – looking at using some for water issues

Finance – will be discussing the use of recovery fund dollars. Trying to look at ways to work with the county in accessing those funds. Talking about using the United Way for a Utility Assistance program and a Business Assistance Program through the Chamber.

Doing a dedication at the Bike Path on Thursday.

Hopefully give an update on a grocery store soon.

President of Council

Nothing

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 8:06 p.m.

Carl W. Watt, President of Council

Natasha Hatfield, Clerk of Council Pro Tempore