

**GALION CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
June 13, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.**

The June 13, 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. Durbin. Mr. Bodkin 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, and Director of Law.

President Webber asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 23, 2023 regular meeting. Ms. Ault made the motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Zeger seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

President Webber asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 30, 2023 special meeting. Ms. Ault made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Bodkins seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

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

Citizen Participation

None

Legislation

Ordinance No. 2023-49 (First Reading)

An Ordinance enacting Chapter 913 of the City of Galion Codified Ordinances, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Frank made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2023-49. Ms. Zeger seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Ms. Frank, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Watt, yea. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Richart made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2023-49. Mr. Bodkins seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2023-49 resulted as follows: Mr. Richart, yea,, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Frank, yea, Mr. Watt, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea. Motion carried 6-0 and Ordinance No. 2023-49 passed for a final reading.

Other Business

Laws, Ordinances, Zoning, and Permits – – July 6, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.* due to Independence Day on the 4th

Utilities – July 5, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

Parks and Recreation – July 13, 2023 – 7:00 p.m. - cancelled

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.

Carrie Zeger asked about the sink hole on Murray Street.

Melissa Frank thanked the city for putting in the speed bumps in Heise Park. Still need a crosswalk (researching is being done on this)

Auditor's Report

Auditor Saterfield handed out his report. Revenues are at 45% and Expenses are at 49%. May not reconciled due to credit card receipt issues. Report will be out in the next couple of days. Bond letters have gone out. Received some bids already. Working on Central Hotel. Have received most of the money from Fairfield.

Treasurer's Report

Not in attendance

Director of Law

No report

Mayor's Report

A lot of work form the Central Hotel. Complicated landlord arrangement. Have come a long way. Moving in the right direction. Still want to use the 406 funds for capital improvements there. A heat pump was replaced. Money won't go as far as we think.

Borrowing – need to determine the amount to use of Fund 421 to put toward the debt. Use it to pay down the two roadway pieces. Choice is to re-borrow and have a higher interest rate. General fund is holding its own at 6.5M. Not building the road that would have went to the Freese Center would assist with 201. Have to know by the 20th.

The money is Fund 401 came from the gift of the HTI building. City rented it out and then bid out a lease with the option to purchase. It was appraised by a commercial appraiser to determine sales price.

Electric fund is worth noting. \$4M is a target balance to have enough for emergencies without being too much. Not in a position to see the price spikes predicted for this summer.

Finishing up SR598 financing.

Recommendation made on the Police Chief. Waiting on offer to the top candidate.

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 7:41 p.m.

Eric Webber, President of Council

Julie L Bell, Clerk of Council