

**GALION CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
June 22, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**

The June 22, 2021 meeting of Galion City Council was called to order by President Carl Watt. The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by a moment of silence.

Clerk of Council Julie Bell 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 June 8, 2021 special meeting. Mr. Richart made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Triplett seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

President Watt asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the June 8, 2021 regular meeting. Mr. Ivy made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Bodkins seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

President Watt asked for a motion to add Ordinance 2021-57 to the agenda. Dr. Fellner 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.

President Watt asked for a motion to add Ordinance 2021-58 to the agenda. Mr. Triplett made the motion which was seconded by Ms. Erlsten. 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 2021-59 to the agenda. Mr. Ivy made the motion which was seconded by Mr. Triplett. 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.

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

Citizen Participation

Bethany Brown, 240 S. Union Street, Galion, OH addressed council concerning her mother's property (same address) and a sanitary sewer issue. She detailed what they had done to the sewer line on their property. It was determined that their sewer connected to a private lateral under the alley that is shared by several of their neighbors. She was requesting the city to repair / replace the private lateral under the alley. Much discussion was held by council members, mayor and SSD. While no definite action was taken by council, it was agreed that the city would look into what could be done to remedy the situation.

Legislation

Ordinance No. 2021-50 (First Reading)

An ordinance authorizing the Safety-Service Director to submit an application for a transitional work grant to the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Richart made the motion to amend Ordinance No. 2021-50 by removing section 2 due to a match no longer required. Dr. Fellner seconded the motion. The roll call resulted as follows: Mr. Richart, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Ordinance No. 2021-50 was held to a First Reading.

Ordinance No. 2021-51 (First Reading)

An Ordinance authorizing the submission and acceptance of a VOCA Grant from the Ohio Attorney General and Authorizing the Safety-Service Director and Director of Law to sign the necessary grant documents pertaining thereto, and declaring an emergency.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2021-51. 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 pass Ordinance No. 2021-51. Mr. Bodkins seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2021-51 resulted as follows: Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Ms. Ault, yea. Motion carried 7-0 and Ordinance No. 2021-51 passed for final reading.

Ordinance No. 2021-52 (First Reading)

An Ordinance approving the Final Resolution from the Ohio Department of Transportation for PID No. 108736 and authorizing the Safety-Service Director to enter into an agreement between the City of Galion and ODOT for the Portland Way North/SR 598 Widening Project, and declaring an emergency.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2021-52. 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, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Triplett made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2021-52. Mr. Bodkins seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2021-52 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 No. 2021-52 passed for final reading.

Ordinance No. 2021-53 (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 Clearing, to proceed, authorizing payment therefor, and declaring an emergency.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2021-53. Ms. Erlsten seconded the motion. The roll call resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Triplett made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2021-53. Mr. Ivy seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2021-53 resulted as follows: Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea. Motion carried 7-0 and Ordinance No. 2021-53 passed for final reading.

Ordinance No. 2021-54 (First Reading)

An Ordinance establishing the Road Work Development Grants Fund (421), and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Richart made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2021-54. Mr. Ivy seconded the motion. The roll call resulted as follows: Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Ivy made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2021-54. Mr. Bodkins seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2021-54 resulted as follows: Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Ms. Ault, yea. Motion carried 7-0 and Ordinance No. 2021-54 passed for final reading.

Ordinance No. 2021-55 (First Reading)

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2020-92 (Permanent 2021 Appropriations) by appropriating, transferring, and advancing funds in various funds, and declaring an emergency.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2021-55. 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, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2021-55. Ms. Erlsten seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2021-55 resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea. Motion carried 7-0 and Ordinance No. 2021-55 passed for final reading.

Ordinance No. 2021-56 (First Reading)

An ordinance authorizing the Safety-Service Director to accept a 629 Roadway Development Grant, and declaring an emergency.

Ordinance No. 2021-56 was held to a First Reading.

Ordinance No. 2021-57 (First Reading)

An Ordinance authorizing the Safety-Service Director to utilize CARES Act funds for Utility Credit and Local Business Grant Programs, and declaring an emergency.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2021-57. 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 pass Ordinance No. 2021-57. Mr. Richart seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2021-57 resulted as follows: Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea. Motion carried 7-0 and Ordinance No. 2021-57 passed for final reading.

Ordinance No. 2021-58 (First Reading)

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2020-92 (Permanent 2021 Appropriations) by authorizing appropriations and transfers of funds necessary for the SR 598 Widening Project, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Richart made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2021-58. Mr. Ivy seconded the motion. The roll call resulted as follows: Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Ivy made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2021-58. Mr. Bodkins seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2021-58 resulted as follows: Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Ms. Ault, yea. Motion carried 7-0 and Ordinance No. 2021-58 passed for final reading.

Ordinance No. 2021-59 (First Reading)

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2020-92 (Permanent 2021 Appropriations) by authorizing appropriations of funds necessary for the SR 598 Widening Project, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Triplett made the motion to table Ordinance No. 2021-59 indefinitely. Ms. Erlsten seconded the motion. The roll call resulted as follows: Mr. Triplett, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Other Business

Liquor Permit – Styx Acquisition, LLC – there was no request for a hearing.

Elected Officials Salary – Dr. Fellner led the discussion regarding increasing elected official salaries for the upcoming terms that would start 2022. Various officials stated that they didn't feel it was necessary. There was no action taken at the meeting and Dr. Fellner stated that he would get with the Director of Law to get an ordinance done for council to look at.

Auditor's Report

Eunice has been at the Health Department for their audit. April is leaving July 2nd to take a job at the Auditor's Office

Treasurer's Report

Suggested a working auditor. Feels statutory government is better than the city manager government

Director of Law

Nothing

Mayor's Report

Buehler's – expediting permitting / health department etc. Anxious about finding qualified workers. Employee owned.

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 9:14 p.m.

Carl W. Watt, President of Council

Julie L Bell, Clerk of Council