

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

The July 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: Ms. Ault, Mr. Bodkins, Ms. Durbin, Ms. Frank, Mr. Richart, Mr. Watt, and Ms. Zeger.

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, and SSD Ward.

President Webber asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the July 11, 2023 regular meeting. Mr. Bodkins made the motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Frank seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

President Webber asked for a motion to add Resolution No. 2023-13 to the agenda. Ms. Ault made the motion and Mr. Watt seconded. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Durbin, yea, Ms. Frank, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Watt, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Richart made the motion to approve the agenda as amended which was seconded by Ms. Zeger. Motion carried 7-0.

Swearing In

Ryan Strange was sworn in as Police Chief for the City of Galion

Citizen Participation

None

Legislation

Ordinance No. 2023-56 (First Reading)

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

Ms. Ault made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2023-56. Mr. Bodkins seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Durbin, yea, Ms. Frank, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Watt, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Ms. Ault made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2023-56. Mr. Bodkins seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2023-56 resulted as follows: Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Durbin, yea, Ms. Frank, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Watt, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea. Motion carried 7-0 and Ordinance No. 2023-56 passed for a final reading.

Resolution No. 2023-12 (Third Reading)

A Resolution approving and ratifying the prior acts of the Department Heads and the Safety-Service Director and approving “Then and Now” Certificates for said expenditures, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Ault made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Resolution No. 2023-12. Ms. Frank seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Ms. Ault, yea, Ms. Frank, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Watt, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Durbin, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Richart made the motion to pass Resolution No. 2023-12. Mr. Bodkins seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Watt, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Frank, yea, Ms. Durbin, yea. Motion carried 7-0 and Resolution No. 2023-12 passed for a final reading.

Resolution No. 2023-13 (Third Reading)

A Resolution approving and ratifying the prior acts of the Department Heads and the Safety-Service Director and approving a “Then and Now” Certificate for said expenditure, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Ault made the motion to amend Section 1 to change the word Terracon to GPD. Ms. Durbin seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Ms. Ault, yea, Ms. Durbin, yea, Ms. Frank, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Watt, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Watt made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on amended Resolution No. 2023-13. Ms. Durbin seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Watt, yea, Ms. Durbin, yea, Ms. Frank, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Ms. Ault made the motion to pass amended Resolution No. 2023-13. Ms. Durbin seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Ms. Ault, yea, Ms. Durbin, yea, Ms. Frank, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Watt, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea. Motion carried 7-0 and Resolution No. 2023-13 passed for a final reading.

Other Business

Laws, Ordinances, Zoning, and Permits – August 1, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

Utilities – August 2, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

Parks and Recreation – August 9, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

Streets, Alleys, Trees, and Bridges – August 10, 2023 – 6:30 p.m.

Economic Development and Airport – August 15, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

Finance – August 16, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

Police, Fire, and Health – August 17, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

Liquor Permit – Bell Stores. No request for a hearing.

Ken Bodkins has received complaints about the North South lights being too long and trashy homes.

Paula Durbin drove around and has addresses of trashy homes to submit.

Kara Ault asked about the messes Frontier has left in various places. SSD Ward will get her the number of the construction manager.

Melissa Frank expressed concerns over some the of the trash can lids uptown. New lids have been ordered.

Auditor’s Report

Auditor Saterfield handed out his report. Explained a stolen check issue and the measured put in place with the bank to prevent in the future. No money was lost in the situation. GAAP auditor should be done on Friday.

Treasurer’s Report

Not in attendance

Director of Law

No report

Mayor’s Report

Offered questions and answers.

What is going on with the mural now that the bricks are all in? Mayor’s office will follow up with the artist.

Brownfield grant update – no new updates. Inching along. Hope to work with the old market location on Harding Way East.

President of Council

No Report.

There being no further business to discuss President of Council Webber asked for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Frank made the motion and Ms. Durbin seconded. The motion carried 7-0 and the meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Eric Webber, President of Council

Julie L Bell, Clerk of Council