

**GALION CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
July 27, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**

The July 27, 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, and Safety-Service Director Ward.

President Watt asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the July 13, 2021 regular meeting. Ms. Ault made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Ms. Erlsten seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

President Watt asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the July 20, 2021 special meeting. Mr. Ivy made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Ms. Erlsten seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

President Watt asked for a motion to add Ordinance 2021-66 to the agenda. After discussion on the whether or not the ordinance should be added to the agenda. Mr. Richart made the motion to NOT add Ordinance No. 2021-66 to the agenda. Mr. Triplett seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Ms. Ault, no, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Erlsten, no, Dr. Fellner, no, Mr. Ivy, no, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea. Motion failed 3-4.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to add ordinance No. 2021-66 to the agenda which was seconded by Mr. Ivy. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, no, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Richart, no, Mr. Triplett, no. Motion carried 4-3.

President Watt asked for a motion to add Ordinance 2021-67 to the agenda. Dr. Fellner made the motion to add Ordinance No. 2021-67 to the agenda. The motion died for a lack of a second and Ordinance No. 2021-67 was not added to the agenda for consideration.

President Watt asked for a motion to add Ordinance 2021-68. Dr. Fellner made the motion to add Ordinance No. 2021-68 to the agenda. Mr. Richart seconded the motion. 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 Resolution 2021-14. Mr. Richart made the motion to add Resolution No. 2021-14 to the agenda. Mr. Ivy seconded the motion. 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 Ms. Erlsten. Motion carried 7-0.

Citizen Participation

Steve Rowan – 1130 SR 61, Galion, Ohio. Requested the city look into installing street lighting on SR 61 from SR 309 to US 30. He stated the city already has poles on the east side of the road that could be used. The city will look into the cost of adding the street lighting. Mr. Rowan also asked about lowering the speed from 50 mph to 40 mph. The city had a speed study done by ODOT (which is what needs done in order for a change to be made) about 2 years ago that recommended the speed limit stay at 50 mph. They will look to see if there has been any changes.

Legislation

Ordinance No. 2021-50 (Third 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.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2021-50. Ms. Erlsten seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2021-50 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. 2021-50 passed for a Third and Final reading

Ordinance No. 2021-56 (Third Reading)

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

Dr. Fellner made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2021-56. Mr. Ivy seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2021-56 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 and Ordinance No. 2021-56 passed for a Third and Final reading

Ordinance No. 2021-60 (Second Reading)

An Ordinance enacting Section 301.202 of the City of Galion Codified Ordinances and enacting Section 301.54 of the City of Galion Codified Ordinances.

Mr. Triplett made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2021-60. Ms. Ault seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Triplett, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, no, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Richart, yea. Motion carried 6-1.

Mr. Ivy made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2021-60. Mr. Triplett seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2021-60 resulted as follows: Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, no, Mr. Richart, yea. Motion carried 6-1 and Ordinance No. 2021-60 passed for a Final reading.

Ordinance No. 2021-62 (First Reading)

An Ordinance authorizing the City of Galion to participate in the 2021 ODOT Winter contract for road salt and declaring an emergency.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2021-62. Ms. Erlsten seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion 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. Richart made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2021-62. Mr. Triplett seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2021-62 resulted as follows: Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea. Motion carried 7-0 and Ordinance No. 2021-62 passed for a Final reading.

Ordinance No. 2021-63 (First Reading)

An Ordinance authorizing the Safety-Service Director to accept an American Rescue Plan Act Airport Grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Erlsten made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2021-63. Dr. Fellner seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, 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. 2021-63. Mr. Ivy seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2021-63 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. 2021-63 passed for a Final reading.

Ordinance No. 2021-64 (First Reading)

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2020-92 (Permanent 2021 Appropriations) by appropriating funds in the Drug Law Fund, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Ivy made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2021-64. Mr. Richart seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Triplet made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2021-64. Mr. Ivy seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2021-64 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. 2021-64 passed for a Final reading.

Ordinance No. 2021-65 (First Reading)

An Ordinance authorizing the Safety-Service Director to enter into a cooperative agreement and a loan agreement with the Galion Port Authority relative to the Five Galion Project and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Erlsten made the motion to amend the ordinance to replace the attachments with the updated attachments that reflect the interest rate. Mr. Richart seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Ms. Erlsten, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on amended Ordinance No. 2021-65. Ms. Erlsten seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion 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. Ivy made the motion to pass amended Ordinance No. 2021-65. Ms. Erlsten seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2021-65 resulted as follows: Mr. Ivy, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea. Motion carried 7-0 and amended Ordinance No. 2021-65 passed for a Final reading.

Ordinance No. 2021-66 (First Reading)

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2013-53, establishing salaries and fringe benefits for the Mayor, Auditor, Treasurer, Law Director, and President of Council for the terms of office beginning at the earliest time allowed by law, and declaring an emergency.

Ordinance No. 2021-66 was held to a First Reading.

Ordinance No. 2021-68 (First Reading)

An Ordinance authorizing the Safety-Service Director to advertise for bids and to enter into a contract with the lowest a best bidder therefor, as provided by law, for the Safety Netting Project at PECO Park, to proceed, authorizing payment therefor, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Richart made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2021-68. Ms. Erlsten seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Triplett made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2021-68. Ms. Erlsten seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2021-68 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 and Ordinance No. 2021-68 passed for a Final reading.

Resolution No. 2021-14 (First Reading)

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

Mr. Ivy made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Resolution No. 2021-14. Mr. Richart seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Triplett made the motion to pass Resolution No. 2021-14. Mr. Richart seconded the motion. The roll call on Resolution No. 2021-14 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 Resolution No. 2021-14 passed for a Final reading.

Other Business

Utilities Committee – August 4

Parks and Recreation – August 11

Laws, Ordinances, Zoning, and Permits – August 3

Streets, Alleys, Trees, and Bridges – August 12

Finance – August 18

Economic Development and Airport – August 17

Police, Fire, and Health Committee – August 19

Auditor’s Report

Nothing

Treasurer’s Report

Not in attendance

Director of Law

Nothing

Mayor’s Report

1. The private sewer on S. Union has been replaced with a public sewer. Now to work on a plan to systematically upgrade others.
2. Water – looking at working with CT Consultants to do a plan. Dam in no in danger, it is the roadway. Meeting with County Engineer. Working on leak detection.
3. Local Paving – Iberia will start milling next week.
4. SR 598 did sell and ODOT is in the process of awarding. Public meeting should be in the next couple of months.
5. Video cameras are not installed at Heise Park can see and hear well... warning to teens.

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 Mr. Richart seconded. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Carl W. Watt, President of Council

Julie L Bell, Clerk of Council