

**GALION CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
August 22, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.**

The August 22, 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, Ms. Durbin, Mr. Richart, and Ms. Zeger.

Mr. Richart made the motion to excuse Mr. Watt. Ms. Durbin seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Ms. Ault made the motion to excuse Mr. Bodkins, Ms. Zeger seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

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, Director of Law, and SSD Ward.

President Webber asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the August 8, 2023 regular meeting. Ms. Ault made the motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Zeger seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

President Webber asked for a motion to add Ordinance No. 2023-62 to the agenda. Ms. Zeger made the motion and Mr. Richart seconded. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Ms. Ault, yea, Ms. Durbin, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Richart made the motion to remove the Executive Session and Line 5 from the agenda. Ms. Durbin seconded. Roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Ms. Ault, yea, Ms. Durbin, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Richart made the motion to approve the agenda as amended which was seconded by Ms. Zeger. Motion carried 4-0.

Citizen Participation

None

Legislation

Ordinance No. 2023-59 (First Reading)

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

Ordinance No. 2023-59 was held to a First Reading.

Ordinance No. 2023-60 (First Reading)

An Ordinance establishing the OH EMA ARPA First Responder Incentive Grant Fund (275), and declaring an emergency.

Ordinance No. 2023-60 was held to a First Reading.

Ordinance No. 2023-61 (First Reading)

An Ordinance establishing the OH Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Grant Fund (423), and declaring an emergency.

Ordinance No. 2023-61 was held to a First Reading.

Ordinance No. 2023-62 (First Reading)

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2022-98 (Permanent 2023 Appropriations) by appropriating funds in the Storm Water Fund and declaring an emergency.

Ordinance No. 2023-62 was held to a First Reading.

Resolution No. 2023-14 (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.

Resolution No, 2023-14 was held to a First Reading.

Other Business

Laws, Ordinances, Zoning, and Permits – September 5, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

Utilities – September 6, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

Parks and Recreation – September 13, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

Streets, Alleys, Trees, and Bridges – September 14, 2023 – 6:30 p.m.

Economic Development and Airport – September 19, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

Finance – September 20, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

Police, Fire, and Health – September 21, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

Ms. Zeger made the motion for Clerk of Council Julie Bell to complete Sunshine Training on behalf of Mr. Ivy, Dr. Fellner, and Ms. Frank. Mr. Richart seconded. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Ms. Zeger, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Ault, yea. Ms. Durbin, yea. Motion carried 4-0.

Ms. Durbin asked if the South Street water leak had been fixed. Advised that it had.

Ms. Zeger asked about the CHIP Program.- applications are available on the reception desk in the lobby.

Auditor’s Report

Auditor Saterfield handed out his report. Expenses at 65% and Revenues are at 73.8%. Nearing the end of the month, negative numbers are as expected. Charles Harris is doing the Health Department Audit and Perry and Associates is doing ours.

Treasurer’s Report

Not in attendance

Director of Law

Thanked the Mayor’s office for getting the air conditioning fixed faster than originally estimated.

Mayor’s Report

Budget process starting in September. Will discuss at the Finance Committee.

Questioned whether all the paving is done from last year. We still have \$270K in the Urban Paving project being completed by ODOT.

EPA Water –going well. Give us a couple of weeks. Getting ready to sign the Findings and Orders to clean up previous mistakes. Powers Reservoir – have not sat down w/ engineer on it yet.

Need to start addressing the 69 line. Estimated at \$8M plus.

Fiber ring update – not much to add. Two providers came in and pulled out. One finances and the other due to dispute on pole price. A third company has expressed interest.

President of Council

Candidate for 2nd Ward – no valid petition filed. Opening up accepting resumes. Apply and willing to be a write in candidate.

There being no further business to discuss President of Council Webber asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Richart made the motion and Ms. Durbin seconded. The motion carried 4-0 and the meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.