

**GALION CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
September 14, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**

The September 14, 2021 meeting of Galion City Council was called to order by President Carl Watt. The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by an invocation from Pastor Rich Genzmen.

Clerk of Council Julie Bell called roll with the following members present: Ms. Ault, Ms. Erlsten, Dr. Fellner, Mr. Ivy, Mr. Richart, and Mr. Triplett.

Mr. Triplett made the motion to excuse Mr. Bodkins. Ms. Erlsten 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 Baldinger, Director of Law Palmer, Treasurer Sparks, and Safety-Service Director Ward.

President Watt asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the August 24, 2021 regular meeting. Ms. Ault made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Ivy seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

President Watt asked for a motion to add Ordinance 2021-83. Dr. Fellner made the motion to add Ordinance No. 2021-83 to the agenda. Ms. Erlsten seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Ms. Ault, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea. Motion carried 6-0.

President Watt asked for a motion to add Ordinance 2021-84. Mr. Ivy made the motion to add Ordinance No. 2021-84 to the agenda. Mr. Richart seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Ms. Ault, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea. Motion carried 6-0.

President Watt asked for a motion to add Ordinance 2021-85. Mr. Richart made the motion to add Ordinance No. 2021-85 to the agenda. Mr. Ivy seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Ms. Ault, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea. Motion carried 6-0.

Ordinance No. 2021-86 was not available to be added to the agenda.

Mr. Triplett made the motion to approve the agenda as amended which was seconded by Ms. Erlsten. Motion carried 6-0.

Citizen Participation

Betty Schreck, S. R. 309, Galion, OH expressed concerns over the rezoning of property that adjoined her property being rezoned from Highway Commercial to Industrial Park. Her concerns were based around what types of businesses and the effect of those industries on the surrounding area.

Public Hearings

A public hearing regarding the Rezoning of Outlot 839 from Manufacture Home – Residential (MHR) to General Commercial (GC) began at 7:11 p.m. It was explained that this is the only remaining MHR parcel in the city. It is located just east of the Attic Storage facility. There was no public comment and this public hearing closed at 7:11 p.m.

A public hearing regarding the Rezoning of various Outlots from Rural Estate (RE) / Highway Commercial (HC) to Industrial Park (IP) began at 7:13 p.m. This is property owned by Mr. Dennis Leader who was in attendance. The property is located on the east side of SR 61 close to the U.S. 30 interchange. Mr. Leader explained that there was not currently a proposed company but just getting ready to be able to market the property. Would be one of the largest industrial park properties currently available. This public hearing concluded at 7:19 p.m.

Legislation

Ordinance No. 2021-70 (Third Reading)

An Ordinance enacting Chapter 567 of the City of Galion Codified Ordinances.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2021-70. Ms. Ault seconded the motion. The roll on Ordinance No. 2021-70 resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, no. Motion carried 5-1 and Ordinance No. 2021-70 passed on the Third and Final reading.

Ordinance No. 2021-71 (Third Reading)

An Ordinance amending Section 515.02 of the City of Galion Codified Ordinances.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2021-71. Ms. Ault seconded the motion. The roll on Ordinance No. 2021-71 resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, no. Motion carried 5-1 and Ordinance No. 2021-71 passed on the Third and Final reading.

Resolution No. 2021-15 (Second Reading)

A Resolution in support of the Freese Center capital improvement project and of requesting Freese Foundation funding for that purpose, and declaring an emergency.

This ordinance was held to a second reading.

Ordinance No. 2021-81 (First Reading)

An Ordinance authorizing the Fire Chief and/or Safety-Service Director to accept a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) under the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grant program in the amount of Seven Hundred Eighty-Two Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Eight and 20/100 Dollars (\$782,848.20), and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Richart made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2021-81. Dr. Fellner seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Richart, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Triplett made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2021-81. Mr. Ivy seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2021-81 resulted as follows: Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea. Motion carried 6-0 and Ordinance No. 2021-81 passed for a Final reading.

Ordinance No. 2021-82 (First Reading)

An Ordinance amending Section 1 of Ordinance No. 2020-63, as amended, regarding the number of authorized employees, by classification, in each city department; and declaring an emergency.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2021-82. 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. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Triplett made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2021-82. Mr. Ivy seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2021-82 resulted as follows: Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea. Motion carried 6-0 and Ordinance No. 2021-82 passed for a Final reading.

Ordinance No. 2021-83 (First Reading)

An Ordinance adopting the recommendation of the City of Galion Planning Commission and re-zoning Parcel 19-20-08897-000, also known as Outlot 839, from (MH-R) Manufactured Home Residential to (GC) General Commercial.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2021-83. Mr. Ivy seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Triplett made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2021-83. Ms. Ault seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2021-83 resulted as follows: Mr. Triplett, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Richart, yea. Motion carried 6-0 and Ordinance No. 2021-83 passed for a Final reading.

Ordinance No. 2021-84 (First Reading)

An Ordinance adopting the recommendation of the city of Galion Planning Commission and re-zoning parcels 47-00-05177-003, 47-00-05179-000, 47-00-05180-003, 47-00-05183-004, and 47-00-05184-003, also known as Outlots 856, 855, 854, 849, and 848, from (HC) Highway Commercial and / or (RE) Rural Estate, to (IP) Industrial Park.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2021-84. Mr. Ivy seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Triplett made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2021-84. Mr. Richart seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2021-84 resulted as follows: Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea. Motion carried 6-0 and Ordinance No. 2021-84 passed for a Final reading.

Ordinance No. 2021-85 (First Reading)

An Ordinance approving decisions of the City of Galion Treasury Investment Board, and declaring an emergency.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2021-85. Mr. Ivy seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Triplett made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2021-85. Mr. Ivy seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2021-85 resulted as follows: Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea. Motion carried 6-0 and Ordinance No. 2021-85 passed for a Final reading.

Other Business

Utilities Committee – October 6, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

Parks and Recreation – October 13, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

Laws, Ordinances, Zoning, and Permits – October 5, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

Streets, Alleys, Trees, and Bridges – October 14, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

Finance – September 22, 2021 – 7:30 p.m.

Economic Development and Airport – September 21, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

Police, Fire, and Health Committee – due to the special meeting the September 23 was cancelled.

Auditor's Report

Brian Saterfield started in the position of Summer Intern. Started Monday and is working through payroll then he will start on revenues and eventually reconciliations. Trying to relieve some of the workload in the office.

Treasurer's Report

Same as last couple of months. June, July, and August reconciliations not done. They are supposed to be done by the 10th of the month. With Brian it is going to help but we have not been given that much help in the Auditor's office. We'll have to get it done or we will go into fiscal emergency. That is where it is at right now. Cross Country meet is Saturday.

Director of Law

There was an auction of the Sleep Inn. The city is involved in that action. If you individually would like to know what is going on please contact my office. The city has an investment in the area with the TIF.

Mayor's Report

Not in attendance

President of Council

Buehler's is coming to town. Is currently working on training some of their management. Look forward to them opening.

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 7:51 p.m.

Carl W. Watt, President of Council

Julie L Bell, Clerk of Council