

**GALION CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
September 28, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**

The September 28, 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 September 14, 2021 regular meeting. Ms. Ault made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Ivy seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

President Watt asked for a motion to add Ordinance 2021-97. Dr. Fellner made the motion to add Ordinance No. 2021-97 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.

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

Citizen Participation

Mr. Patel (Sleep Inn Hotel highest bidder) addressed council regarding his hope to complete the deal and work with the city on the TIF payment arrangement.

Legislation

Resolution No. 2021-15 (Third 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.

Mr. Richart made the motion to amend Resolution No. 2021-15 in Section I by added “proposed” before request and “subject to future council action” after purpose. Mr. Bodkins seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Ms. Ault, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Fellner made a motion to pass Resolution No. 2021-15. Mr. Ivy seconded the motion. The roll call on Resolution No. 2021-15 as amended resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Richart, no, Mr. Triplett, no, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, no, Ms. Erlsten, yea. Motion carried 4-3 and Resolution No. 2021-15 passed for a third and final reading.

Ordinance No. 2021-97 (First Reading)

An Ordinance approving amendment to Development and Tax Increment Financing Declaration of Covenants running with the land an imposition of continuing priority lien.

Mr. Richart made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2021-97. Mr. Ivy seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Triplett made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2021-97. Mr. Bodkins seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2021-97 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. 2021-97 passed for a Final reading.

Ordinance No. 2021-86 (First Reading)

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2020-92 (Permanent 2021 Appropriations) by appropriating, and transferring funds in the General and Port Authority Funds, and declaring an emergency.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2021-86. Ms. 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, Mr. Bodkins, Ms. Erlsten, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Ivy made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2021-86. Ms. Ault seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2021-86 resulted as follows: Mr. Ivy, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea. Motion carried 7-0 and Ordinance No. 2021-86 passed for a Final reading.

Ordinance No. 2021-87 (First Reading)

An Ordinance authorizing the Safety-Service Director to enter into a City of Galion Job Creation Tax Credit agreement with Styx Acquisition LLC DBA: Buehler's Fresh Foods, and declaring an emergency.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2021-87. Ms. Ault seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Richart made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2021-87. Mr. Ivy seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2021-87 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 and Ordinance No. 2021-87 passed for a Final reading.

Ordinance No. 2021-88 (First Reading)

An Ordinance approving and authorizing the Safety-Service Director to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Galion and the Crawford County Transportation Improvement District, and declaring an emergency.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2021-88. Mr. Bodkins seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Ms. Ault, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Richart made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2021-88. Mr. Ivy seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2021-88 resulted as follows: Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea. Motion carried 7-0 and Ordinance No. 2021-88 passed for a Final reading.

Ordinance No. 2021-89 (First Reading)

An Ordinance authorizing the Safety-Service Director to execute a Capital Improvement Community Park, Recreation / Conservation Project pass through agreement with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, and declaring an emergency.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2021-89. 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. Triplett made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2021-89. Mr. Ivy seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2021-89 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. 2021-89 passed for a Final reading.

Ordinance No. 2021-90 (First Reading)

An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Safety-Service Director to enter into a contract with the Trustees of Polk Township, Crawford County, Ohio to provide for the furnishing of Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services to the residents of Polk Township, and declaring an emergency.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2021-90. 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. Triplett made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2021-90. Mr. Bodkins seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2021-90 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. 2021-90 passed for a Final reading.

Ordinance No. 2021-91 (First Reading)

An Ordinance authorizing the Safety-Service Director to apply for funding through the Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Grant Program funding by the American Rescue Plan Act and administered by the Ohio Department of Development in partnership with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, and declaring an emergency.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2021-91. Ms. 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, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Triplett made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2021-91. Ms. Ault seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2021-91 resulted as follows: Mr. Triplett, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Richart, yea. Motion carried 7-0 and Ordinance No. 2021-91 passed for a Final reading.

Ordinance No. 2021-92 (First Reading)

An Ordinance establishing the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Fund (268), and declaring an emergency.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2021-92. 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, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Richart made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2021-92. Mr. Ivy seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2021-92 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 and Ordinance No. 2021-92 passed for a Final reading.

Ordinance No. 2021-93 (First Reading)

An Ordinance establishing the Health Department HIV Grant Fund (240), and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Richart made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2021-93. 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. Ivy made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2021-93. Ms. Ault seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2021-93 resulted as follows: Mr. Ivy, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea. Motion carried 7-0 and Ordinance No. 2021-93 passed for a Final reading.

Ordinance No. 2021-94 (First Reading)

An Ordinance establishing the Health Department STD Grant Fund (241), and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Ivy made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2021-94. Ms. Erlsten seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Ivy, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, 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. 2021-94. Mr. Bodkins seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2021-94 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. 2021-94 passed for a Final reading.

Ordinance No. 2021-95 (First Reading)

An Ordinance establishing the SAFER Grant Fund (215), and declaring an emergency.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2021-95. 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. Triplett made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2021-95. Ms. Ault seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2021-95 resulted as follows: Mr. Triplett, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Richart, yea. Motion carried 7-0 and Ordinance No. 2021-95 passed for a Final reading.

Ordinance No. 2021-96 (First Reading)

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

Mr. Richart made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2021-96. Ms. Ivy seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Ivy made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2021-96. Mr. Bodkins seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2021-96 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. 2021-96 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 – October 20, 2021 – 7:30 p.m.
- Economic Development and Airport – October 19, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.
- Police, Fire, and Health Committee – October 21, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

Auditor’s Report

Brian Saterfield is continuing to work on revenues. Possibly shutting down the system a couple hours a day.

Treasurer’s Report

Staffing issue. We have money to operate. Eunice and Gail doing a great job. Brian is a great asset.

Director of Law

Nothing

Mayor’s Report

October 4, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at Grace Point – meeting regarding the SR 598 Widening Project. Project expected to start October 11th or 18th.

Miranda Jones with the Chamber pushed out the Business Cares Act grants. That is the last of that for a while. Miranda Jones thanked council and administration \$190k was given out.

President of Council

Thank everyone for a good meeting.

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 8:16 p.m.

Carl W. Watt, President of Council

Julie L Bell, Clerk of Council