

**GALION CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
January 22, 2019**

The January 22, 2019 meeting of Galion City Council was called to order by President Watt. The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by a moment of silence.

Clerk of Council Julie Bell called roll with the following members present: Mr. Baldinger, Ms. Erlsten, Dr. Fellner, Mr. Richart, and Mr. Triplett. Mr. Comerford came in at 7:02 p.m.

Mr. Triplett made the motion to excuse Ms. Clark. Mr. Richart seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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 Treisch, Director of Law Palmer, Treasurer Sparks, and SSD Ward.

Department Heads in attendance: None

President Watt asked for a motion to approve the minutes from January 8, 2019 regular meeting. Mr. Baldinger made the motion to approve with corrections. Mr. Richart seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

President Watt asked for a motion to add Resolution No. 2019-1 to the agenda. Ms. Erlsten made the motion which was seconded by Mr. Richart. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett. Motion carried 6-0.

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

Citizen Comments

None

Public Hearing

A public hearing regarding the establishment of Zoning District R1D began at 7:04 p.m. It was explained that the MHR District was established with only parameters in place for a mobile home community not individual homes / lots. The intent at a future meeting is to rezone all of the current MHR District as R1D. That cannot take place until after R1D has been officially established. The public hearing ended at 7:12 p.m.

Legislation

Ordinance No. 2019-1 (Second Reading)

An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Safety-Service Director to advertise for bids and to enter into contracts with the lowest and best bidders therefore, according to law, for the purchase of certain materials required and needed for the operation of the various departments of the City of Galion, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2019-1 so the city could procure the necessary supplies. Mr. Triplett seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follow: Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea. Motion carried 6-0

Dr. Fellner made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2019-1. Mr. Baldinger seconded the motion. There being no further discussion the roll call resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea. Motion carried 6-0 and Ordinance No. 2019-1 passed for a final reading.

Ordinance No. 2019-2 (Second Reading)

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2018-71 (Permanent 2019 Appropriations) by appropriating funds in the General Fund, and declaring an emergency.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2019-2 due to the need to amend the 2019 budget ordinance. Mr. Triplett seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follow: Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea. Motion carried 6-0

Dr. Fellner made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2019-2. Mr. Richart seconded the motion. There being no further discussion the roll call resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea. Motion carried 6-0 and Ordinance No. 2019-2 passed for a final reading.

Ordinance No. 2019-3 (Second Reading)

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2018-71 (Permanent 2019 Appropriations) by making corrections in various funds, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Triplett made the motion to amend Ordinance No. 2019-3 to match the amended version presented to council. Mr. Richart seconded the motion. The roll call vote resulted as follows: Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea. Motion carried 6-0.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2019-3 as amended due to the need to amend the 2019 budget. Mr. Richart seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follow: Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea. Motion carried 6-0.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2019-3 as amended. Mr. Richart seconded the motion. There being no further discussion the roll call resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea. Motion carried 6-0 and Ordinance No. 2019-3 passed for a final reading.

Ordinance No. 2019-4 (First Reading)

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2018-71 (Permanent 2019 Appropriations) appropriating from unappropriated funds and transferring funds in various funds, and declaring an emergency.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2019-4 due to the need to amend the 2019 budget. Mr. Comerford seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follow: Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Triplett made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2019-4. Ms. Erlsten seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Triplett, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea. Motion carried 6-0 and Ordinance No. 2019-4 passed for a Final Reading.

Ordinance No. 2019-4 (First Reading)

An Ordinance enacting Chapter 1137 of the Galion Planning and Zoning Code by establishing the Single Family Residential District R1-D and the purpose, permitted uses, and development standards therefor.

This ordinance was held to a first reading.

Resolution No. 2019-1

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. Richart made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Resolution No. 2019-1 due to the need to get the bill for insurance paid. Dr. Fellner seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follow: Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Triplett made the motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-1. Ms. Erlsten seconded the motion. The roll call vote resulted as follows: Mr. Triplett, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Baldinger, yea, Mr. Comerford, yea. Motion carried 6-0 and Resolution No. 2019-1 passed for a final reading.

Other Business

Upcoming committees:

Laws, Ordinances, Zoning, and Permits – February 5, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Utilities – February 6, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Parks and Recreation – February 13, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Finance – February 20, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Police, Fire and Health – January 23, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Economic Development and Airport – February 19, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Streets, Alleys, Trees, & Bridges – February 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

The Mayor's office and folks were thanked for cleaning the roads.

Auditor's Report

Reported that income tax broke \$5M. Electric use is up. Need to watch the utility funds. Commended staff for year-end / month end and payroll processing.

Treasurer's Report

Commended the Auditor staff as well. Reconciliation is done. \$18.2M If you have questions, please let him know.

Director of Law

Happy Birthday Bill.

Mayor's Report

Snow Streets – not interested in changing those streets at this time.

Annual Report

1. Record income tax collections.
2. Full staff in the Police and Fire.
3. Reduction in Health Care costs made it not necessary to raise utility rates at this time.
4. New Water feature at the splash park.
5. Putting in Grader / Roller play features in Heise Park.
6. No fee change expected at the pool or expected fees at splash park.
7. Paving – did some unexpected . \$2.1 M for SR 598. Looking for more funding.
8. Released from Fiscal Emergency.
9. Our first budget on our own.
10. Getting word out on the traffic signal at SR 598 and Brandt Road.
11. Looking for additional transportation, depot, and trail development funds.
12. Looking to do another sewer project this year.
13. Would like to look at ways to reduce our debt,

President of Council

Nothing

There being no further business to discuss President Watt asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Triplett d made the motion and Mr. Richart seconded. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Carl W. Watt
Council President

Julie L. Bell
Clerk of Council