

**GALION CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 24, 2010**

A Regular Meeting of Galion City Council was called to order by President Baldinger at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said followed by the Invocation given by Ms. George. The following Council members were present: Ms. George, Dr. Fellner, Mr. Keib, Mr. Smith, Ms. Clark, Mrs. Wade, and Mr. Baldinger.

President Baldinger asked if there were any changes to the minutes dated August 10, 2010. There being no changes, a motion was made by Ms. George and seconded by Mr. Smith that the minutes dated August 10, 2010 be approved as written.

President Baldinger asked if there were any changes to the agenda. There being no changes, a motion was made by Ms. George and seconded by Dr. Fellner that the agenda be approved as written.

Ms. George introduced one of her 4th grade students, Destiny Yoder, and her father to Council. She explained that she offered her students extra credit in social studies for attending a City Council meeting. Ms. George said she requires them to stay at the meeting until 7:30 p.m. and they have to take notes of the meeting.

LEGISLATION

Ordinance No. 2010-43 entitled an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2009-86 (permanent 2010 appropriations) by reappropriating funds within the CHIP Grant Fund (410), and declaring an emergency. City Manager Toy said that this is a result of some feedback from a recent visit by CHIP (Community Housing Improvement Program) program auditors. Since there are two sources of funding (CDBG and HOME) for this program, they asked that we have two cost centers to keep track of the money separately. The funds involved are 410 and 415. Mr. Keib asked why the difference in the total amount of funding from \$522,500 last December to \$502,439? City Manager Toy said that \$522,500 was an estimated number last year. \$502,439 is what we will actually be getting this year. Ms. George asked what projects the money will be used for. City Manager Toy said that the money goes for emergency home improvements, home rehabilitation projects, and down payment assistance for those people that qualify. There being no further comments, a motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Clark and unanimously carried that this ordinance be passed.

Ordinance No. 2010-44 entitled an ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 2010-31 authorizing a second addendum to an agreement with the Oak Glade Water Association to increase the maximum number of waterline taps to thirty-one (31), and declaring an emergency. City Manager Toy explained that City Council gave the authorization to the Oak Glade Water Association for an extra tap, making it a total of 31. The extra tap was requested by an existing homeowner on Biddle Road. The Oak Glade Association had a meeting and they voted it down. We decided to repeal the existing ordinance to keep it clean and clear up the paperwork, so that the extra tap is not hanging out there for the association to do with what they want. City Law Director Reese Mills and Dr. Fellner both agreed. If we leave the tap out there with our approval then we have no control over it. Mr. Mills also stated that he talked with the Oak Glade Association's lawyer and he was fine with the repeal. There being no further comments, a motion was made by Ms. George, seconded by Mr. Smith and unanimously carried that this ordinance be passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business to discuss.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Toy passed around pictures of the progress on the Atwood Manor demolition. He said it is taking the contractor more time than first expected, but progress is being made.

The Issue One road paving project for Timberland and Payne Avenue was delayed by contract issues. They plan on beginning in the next couple of weeks. It will be completed in the Fall.

Trick or Treat is scheduled for Sunday, October 31st from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

| City Manager Toy said that Sawvel & Associates is still working on a study concerning 2010 electric revenue requirements. The report will include recommendations for the rate stabilizer and power cost adjustment, as well as any need for a base rate adjustment. A draft report should be ready sometime in September.

Ms. Clark said she received a couple of calls from residents at Cedargate Apartments asking why they are being charged the \$5.00 storm water fee when their water and sewer utilities are included in their rent. The storm water fee shows up on their electric bills. City Finance Director Audrey Brodzinski said that the landlord must not be paying it. Mrs. Wade stated that she would like to check into that because storm water fee should be calculated on the parking lot. City Manager Toy agreed and said they will research that and get back to Ms. Clark.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Gail Baldinger
Council President

Michelle Talbott
Clerk of Council

