

**GALION CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 26, 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, Mrs. Wade, Ms. Clark, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Baldinger.

President Baldinger asked if there were any changes to the minutes dated January 12, 2010. There being no changes, a motion was made by Dr. Fellner and seconded by Ms. George that the minutes dated January 12, 2010 be approved as written. Motion carried.

President Baldinger then asked if there were any changes to the agenda. There being no changes, a motion was made by Mrs. Wade and seconded by Ms. Clark that the agenda be approved as written. Motion carried.

LEGISLATION

Ordinance No. 2010-6 entitled an ordinance authorizing the Director of Law on behalf of the City of Galion to petition the Board of County Commissioners of Crawford County, Ohio to include 59.477 acres of land, more or less, within Galion Township, and to adjust the Polk and Jackson Township boundaries accordingly. This is the second reading of this ordinance. Acting City Manager Toy stated that this includes 9 parcels of which the annexation has already taken place. When the annexation took place there were overlaps in boundaries between the city and the township, mainly because of the type of annexation that took place. This will record the properties in the City of Galion only and will eliminate those property owners paying taxes to either Polk Township or Jackson Township. There being no further comments, a motion was made by Mrs. Wade, seconded by Dr. Fellner and unanimously carried that this ordinance be passed. This ordinance will become effective in 30 days.

Ordinance No. 2010-7 entitled an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a participation agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation under its cooperative purchasing program for the acquisition of sodium chloride. This is the first reading of this ordinance. Acting City Manager Toy said that we have not participated in this in the past for sodium chloride. If we do, we can purchase salt at the ODOT price. This year the salt price on the ODOT contract was approximately \$57 per ton vs. \$60.25 when we went to bid. Acting City Manager Toy said that if you participate you need to know approximately how much salt you use because you have to purchase at least 80% of what you say you will use, but not more than 125%.

Ms. George asked if the years listed in the ordinance were correct: 2009 – 2010. Acting City Manager Toy said it should read 2010 – 2011. Ms. George made a motion to amend the ordinance to read 2010 – 2011 in place of 2009 – 2010. Mr. Keib seconded the motion and the motion carried. There being no further comments, a motion was made by Ms. George, seconded by Dr. Fellner and unanimously carried that this be considered the first reading of this ordinance and that this ordinance be referred to regular meeting held February 9, 2010.

Resolution No. 2010-2 entitled a resolution appointing Joice Hayden-Cating to the Board of Trustees of the Egbert M. Freese Foundation. Acting City Manager Toy said that Mrs. Hayden-Cating's term expired December 31, 2009 and she is willing to serve another 2 year term. Ms. George thanked Mrs. Hayden-Cating for her willingness to serve again and appreciates her time.

OTHER BUSINESS

Michelle Talbott, Clerk of Council, handed out Financial Disclosure Statements to the Council members. They must be turned in by April 15, 2010.

ACTING CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

Acting City Manager Toy stated that the contractor is getting ready to start the Westmoor Sewer Project. Supplies are being stockpiled along Bucyrus Road. There is a pre-construction meeting February 2nd with the County and a pre-construction meeting on February 8th with the USDA, the County, and the contractor. The project is to start on February 9th.

Acting City Manager Toy said an employee in the water and sewer maintenance department transferred to another position, so they are advertising to fill his previous position in the water and sewer maintenance department.

Acting City Manager Toy announced that Dr. Larry Leone resigned as medical director for the health department. They are working on his replacement.

Acting City Manager Toy also announced the resignations of City Finance Director Mike Weiland and Deputy Finance Director Kelly Kurtzman. They are currently advertising for the finance director position. Resumes are due by February 15th.

Acting City Manager Toy stated that a Windfall Road resident received questionable sales materials that resemble a utility bill. He cautioned residents about responding to such materials.

Acting City Manager Toy said that the City is hoping to participate in the Neighborhood Stabilization Program, Round 2. He said that 33 Ohio counties will receive \$50 million to be determined by census tract analysis. The money would be used for the removal of blighted and vacant structures.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bud Moffett, 400 Euclid Ave., asked about the storm water upgrade project. He wondered if the residents will have to pay to tie into the new storm sewer. Mrs. Wade clarified that the City can't have sump pump water draining into the sanitary sewer, but the resident has the option to tie into the storm sewer or drain the water on the ground. It is not mandatory that the resident tie into the new storm sewer. Acting City Manager Toy and President Baldinger concurred with Mrs. Wade.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Keib and seconded by Ms. Clark that Council move into Executive Session at 7:35 p.m. to discuss the hiring of a new City Manager. The motion was passed by the following votes: Mrs. Wade – yea, Mr. Keib – yea, Mr. Smith – yea, Ms. Clark – yea, Ms. George – yea, and Dr. Fellner – yea, and Mr. Baldinger – yea.

Council reconvened at 8:25 p.m.

Council members agreed to hold a Special Meeting in Executive Session next Tuesday, February 02, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in Council chambers to discuss the resumes received for the City Manager's position.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Gail Baldinger
Council President

Michelle Talbott
Clerk of Council