

**GALION CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 8, 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 Mr. Smith. The following Council members were present: Ms. George, Dr. Fellner, Mrs. Wade, Mr. Smith, Ms. Clark, and Mr. Baldinger. Mr. Keib being absent, a motion was made by Ms. George, seconded by Mr. Smith and unanimously carried that his absence be excused.

President Baldinger asked if there were any changes to the minutes dated May 25, 2010. There being no changes, a motion was made by Ms. George and seconded by Dr. Fellner that the minutes dated May 25, 2010 be approved as written. Motion carried.

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 Ms. Clark that the agenda be approved as written. Motion carried.

**LEGISLATION**

Ordinance No. 2010-28 entitled an ordinance recognizing the prior service of Audrey Brodzinski with another public agency for the purpose of determining the rate of her accrual of vacation leave with the City of Galion. This is the second reading of this ordinance. City Manager Toy stated that this was discussed at the last Council meeting. The purpose is to recognize prior years of service with a public agency for calculating vacation accrual rate after one year of service at Galion. There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Ms. George, seconded by Mr. Smith and unanimously carried that this ordinance be passed.

**COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**The Finance Committee chaired by Mrs. Wade in the absence of Mr. Keib discussed the following issues with Council:**

1. Mrs. Wade said that the Year to Date Fund Summary Report is not ready at this time.
2. Mrs. Wade stated that at the Finance Committee Meeting they finalized a draft resolution for the attrition policy. City Law Director Reese Mills will have the resolution ready for Council's approval at the next Council meeting.
3. Mrs. Wade briefly reported on the Finance Committee Meeting that was held the Friday before. They had 2 guest speakers, Robert Foreman, Home Energy

**The Laws & Ordinances Committee chaired by Ms. George discussed the following issues with Council:**

1. Stephanie Zmuda with the Galion City Health Department discussed licensing for the city's garbage haulers. She said the health department does not have the authority to license garbage haulers and charge them a fee. She recommended that Council adopt fees for garbage hauler licenses to help cover the costs of inspections by the local board of health. This would follow Ohio Revised Code. Ms. George asked Mr. Mills if this is something that we can do. He suggested that it be included in the fees schedule. Mrs. Zmuda suggested a \$25.00 fee per truck. Ms. George said that the committee will work on adding it to the fee schedule.
2. Matt Ross, City Inspector, suggested a fee of \$75.00 for Planning, Zoning & Utilities and Board of Appeals. Currently, each board charges a different amount. Ms. George said that they will continue to work on the fee schedule. She also noted that the Civil Service Rules ordinance is ready for Council's approval for the next Council meeting.

**The Planning, Zoning & Utilities Committee chaired by Dr. Fellner discussed the following issues with Council:**

1. Dr. Fellner said that the demolition on South Market Street has now continued. There is constant activity there and residents have seen people in haz-mat suits working. He said all permits are in order by the EPA.
2. Dr. Fellner said the alley vacation off of Cherry Street was put on the agenda for discussion because we don't want somebody caught by surprise. He said he will

**The Parks & Recreation Committee chaired by Ms. Clark discussed the following issues with Council:**

1. Ms. Clark said that she is still working on the status of Cobey Park, whether or not it was dedicated as a natural resource. She has talked with many people and looked up documents but has not found anywhere that states it was dedicated as a natural resource. In that case it is up to the city to maintain the park. Ms. Clark said she will notify Mr. Barnes, the gentleman who thought that it had been dedicated, to let him know.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Mrs. Wade briefly discussed utilities shut off. She asked that families that are on the verge of getting their utilities shut off, if they would come in and make a partial payment on a past due water and sewer bill that we leave that on. She would like a policy for that. This would give them time to get help and get caught up. Ms. Brodzinski said that the policy now states that all utilities get shut off, and this means that her hands are tied. Mrs. Wade feels that if we have an amended policy in place, we will have a better working relationship with Ohio Heartland and Ohio JFS. Mrs. Wade made a motion to have the policy revised to include if a family is on the verge of getting their utilities shut off and they come in and make a partial payment on a past due water and sewer bill that the city leave the water and sewer on. Ms. George suggested that it go into committee first to be reviewed and reworked. Ms. Brodzinski said that she would like the opportunity to make recommendations to the policy. Right now she can work with people that come in and make a partial payment. Usually the money is applied in the order of storm water, water, sewer, and then electric. Mrs. Wade said that is fine and we will discuss at the next Finance Committee meeting.

**CITY MANAGER COMMENTS**

City Manager Toy said that last year we paid \$60.25 per ton for salt. This year off of the ODOT contract we will pay \$56.80 per ton.

City Manager Toy stated that they received 4 bids for the demolition on Atwood Street. The bids ranged from \$18,960 to \$63,700. We will go with the lowest bidder. He also said that the asbestos abatement bids came in from \$9,800 to \$25,935. The contracts will

be awarded by the end of June. The contractor performing the asbestos abatement will notify the EPA within 10 days of starting. They will start in July.

City Manager Toy stated that June 2<sup>nd</sup> they conducted interviews for the Deputy Finance Director. Their scores are posted downstairs based on 11 questions. There were 4 people involved in conducting the interviews.

City Manager Toy said that the Crawford County Economic Development Partnership along with the Galion Chamber, the City, and Covert Manufacturing announced the addition of a 40,000 square foot building to Covert's facility. This is a big project that will take some time. Once completed they plan on hiring 40 new employees.

### **COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMENTS**

President Baldinger stated that Mr. Keib had open heart surgery and is recovering at home. He may miss a few more Council meetings.

President Baldinger said that he and City Manager Toy rode in the Memorial Day Parade. There was a good turn out with a great ceremony.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Terry Lane, 227 Hetrick Dr., asked for help with the storm sewer by his house. He said it runs right under his house and every time it rains, he gets a 4" stream of water through his basement. He said he had spoke with former City Manager Dave Oles and former Superintendent of Water and Sewer Tim Parks about getting it fixed. They told him they would start the project in January, but nobody ever came. His basement was flooded last week with all the rain. He would appreciate the work getting done as soon as possible. City Manager Toy said that the materials are ordered and are being made. This project will be done at the same time as a project near Heise Park. This is not a typical storm sewer project, but we will start as soon as the materials come in.

Troy Oldaker, 3405 CR 31, asked if anyone has been working on getting him permission to tap into the water line on Biddle Road. Dr. Fellner said that he talked with Bart Cass and he has no problem with Mr. Oldaker tapping in out there. Mr. Cass and Attorney Jay Wagner are working on getting the agreement arranged. Mr. Mills said he has a copy of the agreement and will have revisions made to present to Council at the next meeting.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

**Gail Baldinger**  
**Council President**

**Michelle Talbott**  
**Clerk of Council**