

**GALION CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING (via Zoom)
May 11, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**

The May 11, 2021 meeting of Galion City Council held via Zoom was called to order by President Carl Watt. The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by an invocation from Pastor Ash Welch of St. Paul United Methodist Church.

Clerk of Council Julie Bell called roll with the following members present: Ms. Ault, Ms. Erlsten, Dr. Fellner, Mr. Ivy, Mr. Richart, and Mr. Triplett.

Mr. Triplett made the motion to excuse Mr. Bodkins. Dr. Fellner seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

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 Baldinger, Director of Law Palmer, Treasurer Sparks, and Safety-Service Director Ward.

President Watt asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the April 27, 2021 regular meeting. Mr. Richart made the motion to approve as presented. Ms. Erlsten seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

President Watt asked for a motion to add Resolution 2021-10 to the agenda. Mr. Triplett made the motion which was seconded by Mr. Richart. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Ms. Ault, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Ivy made the motion to approve the agenda as amended which was seconded by Ms. Erlsten. Motion carried 6-0.

Legislation

Ordinance No. 2021-38 (Second Reading)

An ordinance amending Ordinance No 2020-92 (Permanent 2021 Appropriations) by appropriating funds in the Permanent Improvement Fund and declaring an emergency.

This ordinance was held to a second reading.

Resolution No. 2021-10 (First Reading)

A Resolution strongly opposing any effort by the State of Ohio to abolish the local City of Galion Health Department which has proven invaluable in protecting the Health, Safety and Welfare of the entire city and surrounding area during a time of global pandemic and declaring an emergency., and declaring an emergency.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Resolution No. 2021-10. Ms. Ault seconded the motion. The roll call resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Mr. Ivy, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Triplett, yea. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Triplett made the motion to pass Resolution 2021-10. Mr. Richart seconded the motion. The roll call on Resolution No. 2021-10 resulted as follows: Mr. Triplett, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Ms. Erlsten, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea Mr. Ivy, yea. Motion carried 6-0 and Resolution No. 2021-10 passed for final reading.

Upcoming committees:

Laws, Ordinances, Zoning, and Permits –

Utilities –

Parks and Recreation – May 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. CANCELLED

Finance – May 19, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at city building

Police, Fire and Health – May 20, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at city building

Economic Development and Airport – May 18, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the city building

Streets, Alleys, Trees, & Bridges – May 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Other Business

Board of Health appointed Andrea Barnes as Interim Health Commissioner

Auditor's Report

Notes mature on July 22, 2021. Have certain dates that need to be met. Documents need to Allison Binkley by June 7th so needs to be approved at the May 25th council meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Auditor's office finished the April reconciliation. \$20M with \$8M in GF. Water, Sewer, and Electric holding their own.

Director of Law

Had a hearing today about a long standing legal issue. Call or come in if you would like an update.

Mayor's Report

Freese Fund request has been sent to the foundation. Will get started on the projects when received. Will continue to try to move forward and try to iron out issues on Ordinance 2021-38 for the infrastructure. Several items for Finance Committee including: Debt, Cares Act Money, ARP money.

President of Council

Nothing

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 7:55 p.m.

Carl W. Watt, President of Council

Julie L. Bell, Clerk of Council