

**GALION CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
January 10, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.**

The January 10, 2023 meeting of Galion City Council was called to order by President of Council Eric Webber. The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by a moment of silence.

Clerk of Council Julie Bell called roll with the following members present: Ms. Ault, Mr. Bodkins, Ms. Durbin, Dr. Fellner, Ms. Frank, Mr. Richart, and Ms. Zeger.

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 Saterfield, Director of Law Palmer, and SSD Ward.

President Webber asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the December 27, 2022 regular meeting. Mr. Bodkins made the motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Zeger seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

President Webber asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the December 28, 2022 special meeting. Ms. Frank made the motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Durbin seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

President Webber asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the December 29, 2022 special meeting. Ms. Ault made the motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Durbin seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

President Webber asked to add Ordinance No. 2023-1 to the agenda. Dr. Fellner made the motion to add Ordinance No. 2023-1 to the agenda. Ms. Durbin seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Durbin, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Ms. Frank, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

President Webber asked to add Ordinance No. 2023-2 to the agenda. Ms. Ault made the motion to add Ordinance No. 2023-2 to the agenda. Ms. Frank seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Durbin, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Ms. Frank, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

President Webber asked to add Ordinance No. 2023-3 to the agenda. Ms. Durbin made the motion to add Ordinance No. 2023-3 to the agenda. Mr. Richart seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Durbin, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Ms. Frank, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

President Webber asked to add Resolution No. 2023-1 to the agenda. Ms. Zeger made the motion to add Resolution No. 2023-1 to the agenda. Ms. Durbin seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Durbin, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Ms. Frank, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

President Webber asked to add Resolution No. 2023-2 to the agenda. Ms. Ault made the motion to add Resolution No. 2023-2 to the agenda. Mr. Bodkins seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Durbin, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Ms. Frank, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

President Webber asked to add Ordinance No. 2023-4 to the agenda. Ms. Zeger made the motion to add Ordinance No. 2023-4 to the agenda. Ms. Frank seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Durbin, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Ms. Frank, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

President Webber asked to add the Executive Session to the agenda. Dr. Fellner made the motion to add the executive session to the agenda. Ms. Durbin seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Durbin, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Ms. Frank, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Ms. Zeger made the motion to approve the agenda as amended which was seconded by Dr. Fellner. Motion carried 7-0.

Legislation

Ordinance No. 2023-1 (First Reading)

An Ordinance authorizing 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 and equipment required and needed for the operation of the various departments of the City of Galion, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Durbin made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2023-1. Dr. Fellner seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Ms. Durbin, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Ms. Frank, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2023-1. Ms. Durbin seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2023-1 resulted as follow: Dr. Fellner, yea, Ms. Durbin, yea, Ms. Frank, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea. Motion carried 7-0 and Ordinance No. 2023-1 passed for a final reading.

Ordinance No. 2023-2 (First Reading)

An Ordinance clarifying employee benefits for certain non-bargaining unit employees, repealing ordinances Nos. 2008-54, 2008-25, 2011-17, 2013-46, 2014-28, 2016-117, and 2019-91 to the extent it conflicts with the provisions of this ordinance, and declaring an emergency.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2023-2. Ms. Frank seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Ms. Frank, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea Ms. Durbin, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Richart made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2023-2. Mr. Bodkins seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2023-2 resulted as follow: Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Durbin, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Ms. Frank, yea, , Ms. Zeger, yea, Ms. Ault, yea. Motion carried 7-0 and Ordinance No. 2023-2 passed for a final reading.

Ordinance No. 2023-3 (First Reading)

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2022-98 (Permanent 2023 Appropriations) by transferring and advancing funds in various funds and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Richart made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2023-3. Mr. Bodkins seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea Ms. Durbin, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Ms. Frank, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea, Ms. Ault, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Ms. Zeger made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2023-3. Mr. Richart seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2023-3 resulted as follow: Ms. Zeger, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Durbin, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Ms. Frank, yea. Motion carried 7-0 and Ordinance No. 2023-3 passed for a final reading.

Resolution No. 2023-1 (First Reading)

A Resolution approving and ratifying the prior acts of the Department Heads and Safety-Service Director and approving “Then and Now” Certificates for said expenditures, and declaring an emergency.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Resolution No. 2023-1. Ms. Zeger seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Durbin, yea, Ms. Frank, yea, Mr. Richart, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Ms. Frank made the motion to pass Resolution No. 2023-1. Mr. Bodkins seconded the motion. The roll call on Resolution No. 2023-1 resulted as follow: Ms. Frank, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Durbin, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea, Ms. Ault, yea. Motion carried 7-0 and Resolution No. 2023-1 passed for a final reading.

Resolution No. 2023-2 (First Reading)

A Resolution approving the appointment of Michael Flick to the Galion City Health Board, as appointed by the Mayor, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Richart made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Resolution No. 2023-2. Ms. Ault seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Durbin, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Ms. Frank, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea.. Motion carried 7-0.

Ms. Ault made the motion to pass Resolution No. 2023-2. Ms. Frank seconded the motion. The roll call on Resolution No. 2023-2 resulted as follow: Ms. Ault, yea, Ms. Frank, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea Ms. Durbin, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea. Motion carried 7-0 and Resolution No. 2023-2 passed for a final reading.

Other Business

Carrie Zeger has received phone calls about the Podcast with the Mayor. Utilities Committee is the 1st Wednesday of every month.

Kara Ault stated that a CVB needs designated. A non-profit needs to be formed.

Laws, Ordinances, Zoning, and Permits

Utilities –

Parks and Recreation – January 11, 2023 - 7:00 p.m.

Streets, Alleys, Trees, and Bridges – January 12, 2023 - 6:30 p.m.

Economic Development and Airport – January 17, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

Finance –January 18, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

Police, Fire, and Health – January 19, 2023 - 7:00 p.m.

Auditor’s Report

Auditor Saterfield stated that 2022 is not closed and 2023 is not open yet. January, February, March, and April reconciliations have been finished. Starting May. We have nine working days left with April Amens. New staff is doing okay. It is a difficult time to bring someone in. She is currently shadowing him.

Treasurer’s Report

Not in attendance

Director of Law

Provided council his 10th annual report as Law Director. Compared Municipal Court statistics from 2015. Not as busy. Jim Scott is a Victims of Crime Advocate

Mayor’s Report

Boost Mobile – The city has made multiple attempts to contact them. The issue is an AC issue not heating.

Supportive of Auditor Saterfield’s approach of getting 2022 done.

Executive Session

Ms. Zeger made the motion to go into executive session to discuss pending or imminent court action. Mr. Bodkins seconded the motion. The roll call resulted as follows: Ms. Zeger, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Durbin, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Ms. Frank, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Ault, yea. Motion carried 7-0. Council entered executive session at 8:11 p.m.

Ms. Zeger made the motion to exit executive session. Mr. Bodkins seconded the motion. The roll call resulted as follows: Ms. Zeger, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Durbin, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Ms. Frank, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Ault, yea. Motion carried 7-0. Council resumed regular session at 8:31 p.m.

Legislation

Ordinance No. 2023-4 (First Reading)

An Ordinance authorizing Attorney Patrick Kasson of Reminger Co., LPA to represent the City of Galion as co-counsel in a pending litigation, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Frank made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2023-4. Ms. Zeger seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Ms. Frank, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Durbin, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Richart, yea. Motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2023-4. Ms. Durbin seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2023-4 resulted as follow: Dr. Fellner, yea, Ms. Durbin, yea, Ms. Frank, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea. Motion carried 7-0 and Ordinance No. 2023-4 passed for a final reading.

President of Council

Nothing

There being no further business to discuss President of Council Webber asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Bodkins made the motion and Ms. Frank seconded. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Eric Webber, President of Council

Julie L Bell, Clerk of Council