

**GALION CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
January 24, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.**

The January 24, 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, Dr. Fellner, Ms. Frank, Mr. Richart, and Ms. Zeger.

Mr. Richart made the motion to excuse Ms. Durbin. Mr. Bodkins seconded the motion. 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 Saterfield, Director of Law Palmer, and SSD Ward.

President Webber asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the January 10, 2023 regular meeting. Ms. Zeger made the motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Frank seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

President Webber asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the January 18, 2023 special meeting. Ms. Frank made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Richart seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

President Webber asked to add Ordinance No. 2023-15 to the agenda. Ms. Zeger made the motion to add Ordinance No. 2023-15 to the agenda. Ms. Ault seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Ms. Frank, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Richart made the motion to approve the agenda as amended which was seconded by Mr. Bodkins. Motion carried 6-0.

Legislation

Ordinance No. 2023-5 (First Reading)

An Ordinance approving the submission of the application and authorizing the Safety Service Director to accept the grant and sign all necessary documents related thereto with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources under the NatureWorks Program, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Richart made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2023-5. Ms. Frank seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Frank, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea. Motion carried 6-0.

Ms. Ault made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2023-5. Mr. Bodkins seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2023-5 resulted as follows: Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Ms. Frank, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea. Motion carried 6-0 and Ordinance No. 2023-5 passed for a final reading.

Ordinance No. 2023-8 (First Reading)

An Ordinance authorizing the Safety-Service Director to advertise pursuant to appropriate law for bids for the cash rent farming of city owned property located at the Galion Municipal Airport, to enter into a contract for same and declaring an emergency.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2023-8. Mr. Bodkins seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Frank, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea, Ms. Ault, yea. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Richart made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2023-8. Ms. Zeger seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2023-8 resulted as follows: Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Ms. Frank, yea. Motion carried 6-0 and Ordinance No. 2023-8 passed for a final reading.

Ordinance No. 2023-9 (First Reading)

An Ordinance authorizing final legislation for the city of Galion for the project consisting of the resurfacing those portions of S.R. 61 located within the city of Galion corporation limits between Harding Way East and the Crestline corporation limits between S.R. 61 and the Crawford County line, including pavement repairs, curb, sidewalk, curb ramps, pavement markings and structure maintenance, lying within the City of Galion.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2023-9. Ms. Ault seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Frank, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea. Motion carried 6-0.

Ms. Ault made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2023-9. Ms. Frank seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2023-9 resulted as follows: Ms. Ault, yea, Ms. Frank, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea. Motion carried 6-0 and Ordinance No. 2023-9 passed for a final reading.

Ordinance No. 2023-10 (First Reading)

An Ordinance adopting Procurement Policies and Procedures for ARPA specific expenditures for the City of Galion, and declaring an emergency.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2023-10. Mr. Bodkins seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Frank, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea, Ms. Ault, yea. Motion carried 6-0.

Ms. Ault made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2023-10. Ms. Frank seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2023-10 resulted as follows: Ms. Ault, yea, Ms. Frank, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea. Motion carried 6-0 and Ordinance No. 2023-10 passed for a final reading.

Ordinance No. 2023-11 (First Reading)

An Ordinance amending Section 1 of Ordinance No. 2022-45, as amended, regarding the number of authorized employees, by classification in each city department; and declaring an emergency.

Ordinance No. 2023-11 was held to a First Reading.

Ordinance No. 2023-12 (First Reading)

An Ordinance clarifying employee pay ranges for certain non-bargaining unit employees, repealing Ordinance Nos. 2008-54, 2008-25 2011-17, 2013-46, 2014-28, 2016-117, and 2020-8 to the extent it conflicts with provisions of this Ordinance, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Richart made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2023-12. Ms. Ault seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Ms. Frank, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea. Motion carried 6-0.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2023-12. Ms. Zeger seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2023-12 resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Frank, yea, Mr. Richart, yea. Motion carried 6-0 and Ordinance No. 2023-12 passed for a final reading.

Ordinance No. 2023-13 (First Reading)

An Ordinance authorizing the Safety-Service Director to apply for and accept an Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of State Fire Marshall Fire Department Individual Equipment Grant, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Zeger made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2023-13. Mr. Bodkins seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Ms. Zeger, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea, Ms. Frank, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Ault, yea. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Richart made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2023-13. Ms. Frank seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2023-13 resulted as follows: Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Frank, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea. Motion carried 6-0 and Ordinance No. 2023-13 passed for a final reading.

Ordinance No. 2023-14 (First Reading)

An Ordinance authorizing the Fire Chief and/or Safety-Service Director to apply for and accept a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) under the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program in the total amount of up to Sixty-Thousand Dollars (\$60,000), and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Frank made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2023-14. 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, Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Richart, yea. Motion carried 6-0.

Ms. Zeger made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2023-14. Ms. Frank seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2023-14 resulted as follows: Ms. Zeger, yea, Ms. Frank, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea. Motion carried 6-0 and Ordinance No. 2023-14 passed for a final reading.

Ordinance No. 2023-15 (First Reading)

An Ordinance authorizing the Safety-Service Director to advertise for bids and to enter into a contract with the lowest and best bidder therefor, as provided by law, for the Phase I Water Treatment Plant Improvement Project, to proceed, authorizing payment therefor, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Ault made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2023-15. Ms. Frank seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Ms. Ault, yea, Ms. Frank, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Dr. Fellner, yea. Motion carried 6-0.

Dr. Fellner made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2023-15. Mr. Bodkins seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2023-15 resulted as follows: Dr. Fellner, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Frank, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea, Ms. Ault, yea. Motion carried 6-0 and Ordinance No. 2023-15 passed for a final reading.

Other Business

A letter was read to council from Pam Jourdan praising Galion Fire and Ambulance for their service to her recently.

Laws, Ordinances, Zoning, and Permits – February 7, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Utilities – February 1, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at 7:00 p.m.

Parks and Recreation – February 8, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Streets, Alleys, Trees, and Bridges – February 9, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Economic Development and Airport – February 21, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Finance – February 22, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Police, Fire, and Health – February 16, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Auditor’s Report

Auditor Saterfield stated that council has been receiving emails of the months that have been reconciled. December will be closed tomorrow. 2023 is just starting. The city is not broke just not able to cut checks yet. He welcomes conversation on the staffing ordinance. Cleaning up adjustments and hiccups. How to fix is the current struggle. Payroll account balances to zero. Budgetary difference is the payroll account. Thanked everyone for their support.

Treasurer’s Report

Not in attendance

Director of Law

Reminded everyone of the Financial Disclosure filing requirement.

Mayor’s Report

Spoke with state. Unless we build the Freese Center we cannot get reimbursement for building the road.

Working on the Brownfield grant process. Monaco Building is high on the list.

President of Council

Nothing

There being no further business to discuss President of Council Webber asked for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Frank made the motion and Mr. Bodkins seconded. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Eric Webber, President of Council

Julie L Bell, Clerk of Council