

CITY OF GALVA            )  
COUNTY OF HENRY        ) SS  
STATE OF ILLINOIS        )

The City Council of the City of Galva met in regular session Monday January 6, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. with Debbie VanWassenhove serving as City Clerk. Mayor Rich Volkert presided with the following Aldermen in attendance: Jim Hartman, Jayme Hopping, Jeff Olson, Doug Anderson, and Rick Otterstrom. Alderman Clucas was noted as being absent.

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

Alderman Olson made a motion and was seconded to approve the December 02, 2024 council meeting minutes. The vote was 5 yeas and no nays.

BILLS AND CLAIMS

Alderman Otterstrom moved and was seconded that the bills and claims be approved as presented and the City Clerk is instructed to issue orders on the Treasurer’s account for the several amounts. The vote was 4 yeas and no nays.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Volkert reported that the City had received: State of IL: November MFT \$9,976.50, October/November Personal Property Replacement tax \$3,601.27, November Video Gaming tax \$2,897.82, October Sales \$26,406.90, October Telecommunications tax \$1,473.31, November Cannabis tax \$309.89, October State Use tax \$8,018.37, and November Income tax \$21,632.04. David Dyer went over the figures and stated that the state has lowered the personal property replacement tax and that is down again but overall, we are still about \$10,053 ahead of last year due to the income and sales tax amounts going up. He then stated that the state is wanting to take away the 1% sales tax so we will have to pass an ordinance to be able to keep that.

First on the agenda was a presentation by Hometown Consulting. Cole McDaniel gave the presentation. He started off by thanking everyone that came to the community meeting in November and stated that they were able to get a lot of great feedback and ideas from that meeting. He then gave the council copies of a proposed comprehensive plan for the city. Cole stated that we are now eligible to apply for grants that we were not eligible for before and most grants require a comprehensive plan like this. The last one that the city passed was in the 1960’s with few updates since. The proposed scope of work for this plan is as follows: community meetings/stake holder engagement, public communication including a new city website with tools to find information, existing conditions/data analysis, infrastructure assessments, grant funding strategy, digitization of materials on the website for knowledge retention, and zoning and land use planning.

Diana Whitney asked who would be writing the grants and Cole replied that Hometown Consulting would with feedback from the council. Alderman Anderson stated that Bi-State helps us a lot with grants as well and Cole stated that they would be working with Bi-State too. David Dyer then stated that he found a grant that does not require a comprehensive plan that he wanted to talk to the council about. Blue Cross Blue Shield has grants available for a fitness court to be placed in a park. They are wanting to have fitness courts every 10 miles or so. He is working on applying for that grant and thinks the Park District may be the best spot for it. The council all supported this. He then stated that any OSLAD grants do require this comprehensive plan to be in place before we can apply for them and was in favor of the council putting the plan in place. Cole then stated that their goal is to have a working draft by the summer and in place by the fall for adoption. It is a 20-year plan with updates/revisions every 5-10 years. All of the council members were in support of the plan being put into place so Cole stated that they will start immediately.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

Next on the agenda were the Department Head Reports. Richard Plummer had nothing at this time. Kraig Townsend stated that he hired another full-time officer, his name is Luke Queen from Knoxville, unfortunately he was unable to attend the meeting tonight. Chief Townsend stated that he has been trying to cover too many shifts with part timers and this will help a lot. Greg Thompson had nothing at this time.

Next on the agenda were the Aldermen's Reports. No one had anything to report on tonight.

#### City Administrator's Report

David Dyer stated that in regards to the fitness grant he mentioned earlier, he will need support from the council, community, and community organizations. They will be giving him more information on it.

After no further discussion Alderman Otterstrom made a motion and was seconded to adjourn. The vote was 5 yeas and no nays.

MAYOR \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

City Clerk.

