

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

The City Council of the City of Galva met in regular session Monday March 3, 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, Jackie Clucas, Doug Anderson, and Rick Otterstrom.

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

Alderman Olson made a motion and was seconded to approve the February 3, 2025 council meeting minutes. The vote was 6 yeas and no nays.

BILLS AND CLAIMS

Alderman Anderson 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 6 yeas and no nays.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Volkert reported that the City had received: State of IL: December State Use Tax \$7,960.95, January Income Tax \$36,873.05, January Cannabis Tax \$326.19, December Telecommunications Tax \$1,490.00, January Video Gaming tax \$3,190.11, January MFT \$9,048.28, December Sales Tax \$22,383.11

Mayor Volkert asked for anyone speaking during public comment to please state their name first.

First on the agenda was the 2025 MFT presentation. Greg Peterson with Bruner Cooper and Zuck gave the presentation. He gave the council a map detailing what they would like done this year. He stated that they are working on the NW quadrant and the city maintenance yard on the SE side of town. They are now on the 3-year maintenance program for the roads so the sections highlighted will only need one coat of aggregate and one seal coat. The total cost for the work should be \$140,000 but he suggested appropriating \$160,000 to cover anything unexpected. He reminded everyone that just because we appropriate that amount does not mean we have to spend that much. Alderman Clucas asked why some areas in the NW section were not highlighted to be done and Mr. Peterson stated that those are asphalt streets. Alderman Anderson inquired if NW 11th St would be done next year and Mr. Peterson replied that he would check into it. Alderman Olson made a motion and was seconded to approve the proposed street work. The vote was 6 yeas and no nays. Alderman Anderson then made a motion and was seconded to appropriate \$160,000 for the MFT work. The vote was 6 yeas and no nays.

Next on the agenda was Consideration of a Grant Resolution. David Dyer stated that this is for the Blue Cross Blue Shield Fitness grant that he had mentioned at a previous council meeting. We were awarded the maximum amount of \$60,000 however it was discovered that this would only cover about 25% of the amount needed. He then went over what the cost would be and stated that the total cost would end up being around \$228,500 minus the \$60,000 grant. Mayor Volkert stated that it is a great idea but the cost is a big concern and we need to focus on our other park equipment first. The aldermen all agreed with what the Mayor stated. Alderman Olson made a motion and was seconded. The vote was 6 no's and 0 yeas.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dustin Williams stated that he has been coaching 6th grade boys basketball and they have had some practices at Wiley Park and he suggested that it would be beneficial to have a second basketball court put in to the south of the current one. Mayor Volkert stated that we would look into it. Richard Plummer mentioned that they have baseball practices in that area south of the court and when Abilities Plus have their annual picnic at the park, they also utilize that area for kickball. David Dyer stated that he could go check it out with Dustin on Wednesday.

Next on the agenda were the Department Head Reports. Mayor Volkert stated that Greg Thompson was not present due to a water main leak they have been working on the last two days. Chief Townsend reminded everyone to keep their vehicles and garages locked, they have been getting more reports of theft recently and have found that so far, they have only been targeting unlocked vehicles and garages. He went on to say that Geneseo and Colona have been having the same issue and they are cooperating together on this. Richard Plummer stated that the spring cemetery clean up will be the week of April 13-17. Items must be removed by the 13th and can be placed back out on the 18th. Carol Townsend asked if statues must be removed as well and Richard replied that if they are broken, please remove them.

Next on the agenda were the Aldermen's Reports. Jim Hartman stated that he has had many complaints on the property located at 504 SW 3rd St. There is a guy junking trailers and cars on this property and also using the neighbor's driveway without permission. He stated that he tried to talk to him directly and he did not care. He also stated that there is a property located at 318 SW 4th Ave that is in bad shape. The garage is falling in, has lots of issues and needs to be cleaned up. Rick Otterstrom agreed with Jim and stated that he went with him to look at the properties and they are really bad. Chief Townsend replied that those properties are already on his radar. Alderman Olson complained of a property on the corner of NE 9th St and NE 2nd Ave. He stated that it is a mess, there is abandoned vehicles, 5/6 mattresses, and junk everywhere. He stated that there is another property on the northside of NE 1st Ave with a lot of garbage all around as well. He feels bad for the neighbors.

City Administrator's Report

David Dyer had nothing at this time.

Mayor Volkert reminded everyone that election day is April 1st. Clerk VanWassenhove reminded everyone that the cemetery rates will be going up as of May 1st and that the door tag program will also be ending on that date, so the shut off date on the second notices will be a true shut off date.

After no further discussion Alderman Olson made a motion and was seconded to adjourn. The vote was 6 yeas and no nays.

MAYOR _____

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk.