

CITY OF GALVA)
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The City Council of the City of Galva met in regular session Monday May 5, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. with Debbie VanWassenhove serving as City Clerk. Mayor Rich Volkert presided with the following Aldermen in attendance: Jayme Hopping, Jeff Olson, Jackie Clucas, Doug Anderson, and Rick Otterstrom.

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Volkert announced that we have Miss Poppy, Journey Glisan, present in the audience. She stood up with her grandpa and asked permission to hand out poppies on May 17th which the council agreed to, she then sold poppies to anyone who was interested.

MINUTES

Alderman Olson made a motion and was seconded to approve the April 7, 2025 council meeting minutes. The vote was 5 yeas and no nays.

BILLS AND CLAIMS

Alderman Hopping 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 5 yeas and no nays.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Volkert reported that the City had received: State of IL March Video Gaming tax \$2,638.28, February Telecommunications tax \$1,878.35, February State Use tax \$1,224.83, March Cannabis tax \$307.93, March Income tax \$43,323.47, February Sales tax \$25,418.91, March MFT \$8,468.40, and March Personal Property Replacement tax \$3,737.38

David mentioned that the personal property replacement tax is still down and the state use tax is down as well.

First on the agenda was the Swearing in of New Council Members. City attorney Zac Lessard swore in John Wirth as alderman in ward 2, Jayme Hopping as alderman in ward 1, and M. Douglas Anderson as alderman in ward 3. They all read and signed the oath of office.

Next on the agenda was a Park District Board Presentation. Katie Laurin and Brittany Stewart were present with the park district board and stated that they are requesting to purchase 5 of the 44 acres of farm ground next to the Park District that the City owns to expand their fields for soccer, football, baseball, etc. Alderman Olson made a motion and was seconded to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the Park District to sell the 5 acres to them for \$22,100 per acre. The vote was 6 yeas and no nays.

Next on the agenda was Resolution:346 Authorizing an Annexation Agreement. David Dyer explained that this is to annex in 120 acres of farm ground into the Park District so that the boundaries are coterminous or nearly coterminous with the city. Mayor Volkert read the resolution and Alderman Hopping made a motion and was seconded to pass it. The vote was 6 yeas and no nays.

Next on the agenda was the Annexation Agreement. David Dyer stated that this is the agreement that goes along with the resolution we just passed. Alderman Olson made a motion and was seconded to approve the annexation agreement. The vote was 6 yeas and no nays.

Next on the agenda was the Henry County Time Capsule Selection. David Dyer stated that Henry County is putting together a time capsule and would like us to participate. He brought a few items to show the council for consideration to be included in it; a commemorative metal keychain with the city logo on it, a leather ornament with the city logo on it, a leather Gavlebocken keychain, and a very old photograph of the old city hall building. Alderman Wirth suggested something representing the Levitt Amp music series and Mike Martin said that they have a meeting tonight and he will talk to them. The council members all liked and approved the items that David had shown them. He stated that he is unsure how big the capsule will be, if they have room in it he will submit all of the items shown, if they have to pick just one item they decided on the commemorative metal keychain.

Next on the agenda was the Approval of Plat Survey. David Dyer stated that this is for the Old Lord Chevy building, 111 Market St, and if the council had no objections the City Clerk will put it on file at the County. No one had any objections to that.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bruce Palmer was present and stated that he is working on the fence around his business, Palmer & Son's, and wanted the council's input on what else they would like to see. The back will be done in 2-3 weeks and then the next step he wants to take is to submit for a salvage license. He will need to check on the zoning for that. He stated that he is still processing scrap but he wants to get licensed to become more "legit". Alderman Olson asked if this was for a recycler license and Mr. Palmer stated that it is and he is trying to get everything in order for that. There was a brief discussion on his zoning for that. He also stated that he is wanting to continue to improve the property as well and for the council to let him know if there is anything else that they would like to see. Mayor Volkert stated that he appreciates that he is not parking vehicles in the roadway anymore, that was a big issue. Alderman Olson stated that he appreciates him getting licensed which protects both him and the city. He then mentioned that he doesn't want to see cars piled on top of each other there and Mr. Palmer assured him that will never happen. Alderman Clucas asked about the gate there and Mr. Palmer stated that he is still trying to

figure that out but it would not stay like that. She then wanted to make sure that he was not dumping gas and he stated that he is not and he had gone over all of that with the EPA last year.

Next on the agenda were the Department Head Reports. Greg Thompson stated that they will be flushing hydrants from the 19th-30th this month, excluding Memorial Day. They will start in the SE section and then SW, NW, and finish with the NE section. He also stated that he had Ratliff in for 2 sewer repairs behind the flower shop. Richard Plummer announced that the city wide clean up week will be June 16-21. If residents have no way to haul items out to the maintenance yard, they must call City Hall beforehand and have all items on the curb by Monday the 16th, which will be the only day for pickups this year. Chief Townsend stated that they got the squad car back with a new engine from last month's incident. He then said that there has been an influx of solicitors in town and there are no current solicitor's permits out right now. A legitimate solicitor will have a permit issued through the city and will have a physical permit with the city logo on it. Mike Martin asked if they could start having an officer around during the Levitt Amp concerts and Chief Townsend told him he would get together with him and talk about it. Alderman Clucas asked if there was a fee involved with the solicitors permit and Clerk VanWassenhove replied that the fee was \$750, the permit is good for 5 days and they can only get 1 permit per calendar year. She also stated that another stipulation is that all solicitor's going door to door must have a background check done as well before the permit is issued. Mayor Volkert added that when the city gets ready to have people going door to door for the community solar, we will put an announcement out there.

Next on the agenda were the Aldermen's Reports. Alderman Clucas asked that the flags be displayed for 1 week before Memorial Day. Alderman Wirth announced the car cruises will start on Friday, it is a community event even if you don't have a classic car there will be food and fun.

City Administrator's Report

David Dyer stated that it is a new fiscal year and we are in need of some equipment. Both the water and street department gave a list of wants and both departments agreed that the 2006 F450 needs replaced. They would like to downsize to a F250 and he is getting quotes. So far, they are ranging from \$53,568-\$82,266 but still waiting on another quote. He then announced that Astrid with Allenia Space has come up with a crosswalk design contest. It is open to everyone and encouraged everyone to come up with design ideas that will show what Galva means to them. The contest will start on May 6th and the winners will be announced on May 19th. The city will provide the paint for the project. This will just be for the city owned crosswalks, not on the state route. David then stated that Astrid has a beautiful vision for the 44 acres at Allenia Space and encouraged everyone to go up and check it out & pick up a blank form for the crosswalk contest! Jane Martin asked how long that would be up there and David replied 2 weeks.

Alderman Olson made a motion and was seconded to go into executive session. The vote was 6 yeas and no nays.

Alderman Otterstrom made a motion and was seconded to come out of executive session. The vote was 6 yeas and no nays.

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

ATTEST: _____ MAYOR _____
City Clerk.