

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

The City Council of the City of Galva met in regular session Monday, November 14, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. with Debbie VanWassenhove serving as City Clerk. Senior Alderman Jayme Hopping presided in Mayor Volkert’s absence with the following Aldermen in attendance: James Hartman, Jeff Olson, Jackie Clucas, Doug Anderson, & Rick Otterstrom.

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

Alderman Anderson made a motion and was seconded to approve the October 24, 2022 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

Alderman Hopping reported that the City had received: State of IL: October MFT \$8,384.56, September Sales tax \$25,632.40

First on the agenda was the Auditors Presentation. Kim Hoffman with Hoffman and Tranel gave the presentation of the City’s audit from fiscal year 2021/2022. She went over the report with the council and stated that there were no significant findings, she did make note again of the lack of segregation of duties, and that the bank recs have still been an issue, partially due to software issues, however there has been a lot progress over the last few years with them and after conversations with clerk VanWassenhove they believe this will be able to get taken off for next years’ audit. She commended the City for having our IMRF over 100% funded again and for paying off a lot of our bank loans. She also reminded the council to ask questions often and keep everyone above question.

Next on the agenda was **Ordinance 1638: Annexing Certain Property.** David Dyer stated that there are 13 acres of land that we own north of the landfill that have not been incorporated into the City yet so this ordinance will do so. Alderman Anderson made a motion and was seconded to pass the ordinance. The vote was 6 yeas and no nays.

Next on the agenda was **Ordinance 1639: Approving the Galva Revitalization TIF Redevelopment Plan and Redevelopment Project.** David stated that these next three ordinances will be the conclusion to establishing the new TIF district and that this ordinance approves the plan and project. Alderman Anderson made a motion and was seconded to pass the ordinance. The vote was 6 yeas and no nays.

Next on the agenda was **Ordinance 1640: Designating the Galva Revitalization TIF Redevelopment Project Area.** David stated that this ordinance designates the project area and that this basically approves the legal description. Alderman Anderson made a motion and was seconded to pass the ordinance. The vote was 6 yeas and no nays.

Next on the agenda was **Ordinance 1641: Adopting TIF.** David stated that this is the ordinance adopting the TIF district. Alderman Olson made a motion and was seconded to pass the ordinance. The vote was 6 yeas and no nays.

Next on the agenda was Moving the December Meeting Date. Alderman Hopping stated that we need to move the December meeting date to Monday December 19<sup>th</sup> due to the Christmas holiday. Alderman Anderson made a motion and was seconded to move the meeting to December 19<sup>th</sup>. The vote was 6 yeas and no nays.

Next on the agenda was a Discussion on a New Squad Car. Chief Townsend was present and passed out packets to everyone with a breakdown of the proposed squad car purchase. The base price would be \$39,585.00 but with all of the extra items needed it would be a total of \$50,444.00 plus \$375.00 if we have it delivered to Galva. He stated that if they purchase this vehicle they would make the 2019 into the new K9 car and they would sell the 2014 Taurus and if they order it now it should be ready by late May/early June. Morrow Brothers would do all of the wiring & installation of everything needed so we would only have to put the graphics on. Alderman Clucas asked what our rotation of vehicles was based on and Kraig replied that it is mostly budget based, they usually get a new car every three years. Alderman Anderson asked when we have 2 officers patrolling on the same shift and Chief Townsend stated that it is usually just Saturdays (more activity) and through the day on Mondays (to allow to get paperwork etc. done). Alderman Anderson stated that he believes he has seen 2 officers on more often than that and asked that they keep it to one car on at a time as much as possible. After some more discussion Alderman Clucas asked how we would be paying for the squad car if approved and David replied cash. Alderman Anderson then made a motion to allocate \$52,000 for the new squad car and was seconded. The vote was 6 yeas and no nays.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

Next on the agenda were the department head reports. Greg Thompson stated that they have had some hard hits in the water/sewer departments lately, lots of water main breaks and valve replacements, but we have a great crew and the guys got it all fixed and taken care of. He then stated that they got the starter in for well 5 but now they are having more issues with the motor. It has been rebuilt 3 times and has been in the ground since 2008, may be time to replace it. He stated that they will not know exactly what they need to do or a cost until it has been pulled from underground, he had a quote of \$9,970 just to pull it out of the ground and another \$10,640 to put it back in. He also stated that this motor has been struck by lightning twice now as well, Alderman Otterstrom asked about putting

in surge protectors and Greg replied that they have and they blew up. He thinks we could get away with a smaller horsepower motor too, this one is 100 but 75 is really all we need since it won't have to pull as hard. Alderman Anderson asked how much it would be to rebuild this motor to be able to use as a backup, Greg was not sure but David stated that it is mercury sealed so that could cause some big issues and advised against that. After much discussion Greg was asked to get the cost of a new motor by next meeting. Richard Plummer reported that they finally got the new truck! They had ordered a 2019 but received a 2022 for the same price because of the long wait on it. They also threw in a new salt spreader because of this.

Next on the agenda were the Aldermen's Reports. Alderman Clucas thanked Kraig and Greg for their knowledge and detailed reports that they give. She then stated that David, Alderman Anderson, and herself met with an economic development expert and that they are trying to give David some help to keep Galva moving forward. They have a website and a 12-month plan and would love for everyone to check it out! Alderman Anderson agreed with Alderman Clucas and drove home that we need to have more economic development to be able to pay for anything and to better our town, economic development is an extremely important tool.

#### City Administrator's Report

David Dyer asked if we could get the economic development experts here for the January meeting, Alderman Clucas replied that she would talk to them about that.

Chief Townsend stated that they recently had some vandalism in Wiley Parks restrooms (no damage, just a big mess made) but the cameras were able to catch the culprits and they had one of them clean up the mess (she was the only one available to do it before they had to close them for the season) and the others involved will have community service hours. He then stated that Elisa Nelson advised him that we need to have signs up in the park as well saying that it is under surveillance. Richard will get them ordered. Alderman Olson stated that he thinks it would be a good idea to have signs like that in all parks whether we have cameras or not as a deterrent. Alderman Anderson then asked about the ice skating rink. Greg stated that it is drained and tiled and will be filled after the frost sets in so they don't have to fight filling it. David stated that the attorney had a couple of changes for the blue star application and then we can turn that back over to Matt Marchand. David also stated that he has been getting complaints of grain trucks not having tarps on them that needs to get looked into and that the demo bids will be coming in on the 19<sup>th</sup> for the creamery buildings and the building east of Road Trip.

Alderman Olson moved and was seconded to move to executive session. The vote was 6 yeas and no nays.

SEE ATTACHED

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 Otterstrom made a motion and was seconded to  
adjourn. The vote was 6 yeas and no nays.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ MAYOR \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk.