

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

The City Council of the City of Galva met in regular session Monday January 05, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. with Debbie VanWassenhove serving as City Clerk. Mayor Rich Volkert presided with the following Aldermen in attendance: John Wirth, Jeff Olson, Jayme Hopping, Doug Anderson, and Rick Otterstrom. Alderman Clucas was noted as being absent.

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

Alderman Anderson made a motion and was seconded to approve the December 1, 2025 council meeting minutes. The vote was 5 yeas and no nays.

BILLS AND CLAIMS

Alderman Olson 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 November Video Gaming tax \$2,288.78, October Sales tax \$31,514.51, November Cannabis tax \$220.82, October Telecommunications tax \$1,419.61, October State Use tax \$1,805.38, November Income tax \$24,947.41, November MFT \$9,639.58, and October/November Personal Property Replacement tax \$8,452.67. David Dyer reported that the state has been consistently distributing less to Illinois municipalities and since 2012 we have been shorted \$2,190,184.

First on the agenda was a discussion on Playground equipment. David Dyer stated that the representative from the company was unable to attend tonight but the new equipment will be on its way and he then thanked Alderman Wirth and his committee for their work on this.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

Next on the agenda were the Department Head Reports. Greg Thompson gave an update on the Veteran’s Park water leak and stated that they are still investigating it, they are trying to determine where it is coming from and he does not want to have to dig up too much of the road to find it. They are going to try to investigate it electronically to avoid that as much as possible. He also announced that they have hired a new full time water

department employee, Nick Caravello, and he started today. Greg also announced that he will be retiring next month and Jake McClintic will be taking his place as water superintendent. David asked Greg how many years he has worked for the City and Greg replied 46 years. Kraig Townsend stated that the state has been following up with agencies to make sure they are complying with the new mandates for officers and he did not foresee any major issues with that. Richard Plummer had nothing at this time.

Next on the agenda were the Aldermen's Reports. Alderman Wirth talked about an idea he would like to start this year for a home appreciation award. He said he is still trying to figure out all of the details but he wants to do something positive for the community and reward the residents who have made improvements to their properties. He would like to be able to get gift cards from local businesses for the winners as well. Everyone liked the idea and Mayor Volkert suggested for him to work with the group that does something similar for Ready to Grow as well. Alderman Anderson thanked Greg Thompson for all of his years of service and stated that his time here is greatly appreciated.

City Administrator's Report

David Dyer stated that it is time to update the franchise agreement with Ameren and that this needs to be done by April. He will bring this to the February council meeting. He also has some properties that will be getting ready to go to bid soon: the old Lord Chevy building, 403 NE 2<sup>nd</sup> St, and 214 NW 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. We will also be putting the 2006 F450 out for bid as well.

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

MAYOR \_\_\_\_\_

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