

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

The City Council of the City of Galva met in regular session Monday February 2, 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, Jackie Clucas, and Rick Otterstrom. Alderman Anderson 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 January 5, 2026 council meeting minutes. The vote was 5 yeas and no nays.

BILLS AND CLAIMS

Alderman Clucas 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: December MFT \$9,999.71, November Sales tax \$29,253.76, December Personal Property Replacement tax \$10,234.23, December Income tax \$47,011.56, November State Use tax \$1,962.10, December Video Gaming tax \$2,228.29, November Telecommunications tax \$1,423.80, December Cannabis tax \$389.10. David Dyer stated that everything is slightly up this time except the State Use tax and Video Gaming tax.

First on the agenda was a Presentation by Recreation Consultant Pat Puebla. Mr. Puebla introduced himself, he works for the company Play and Park Structures, which is the company that will be providing the new playground equipment for Wiley Park. Mr. Puebla thanked Alderman Wirth and the council for selecting their company. He then showed everyone a big foam poster of what the new equipment will look like and some samples of the color scheme they came up with. Alderman Wirth asked if there are any disadvantages for the darker colors' vs the lighter colors and Pat said that there are no disadvantages, all of the colors will wear the same. After some more discussion on the equipment Alderman Clucas asked when it would be installed and Mr. Puebla replied that they still need to coordinate that but it will take about 6-8 weeks to get it in.

Next on the agenda was opening the truck bids. Mayor Volkert stated that the City had received one bid on the 2006 Ford F450, he then opened the bid and stated that it was from Joe Hoenig in the amount of \$1,550.00. Alderman Hopping made a motion and was seconded to accept the bid. The vote was 5 yeas and no nays.

Next on the agenda was opening the property bids for 214 NW 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. Mayor Volkert stated that we had received one bid for this property and proceeded to open it. The bid was from Judy Crystal in the amount of \$1,140.00. Alderman Otterstrom made a motion to accept the bid and was seconded. The vote was 5 yeas and no nays.

Next on the agenda was an Ameren Franchise Agreement. David Dyer stated that it is time to renew our agreement with Ameren for their utility access in our right of ways. He went over the agreement and figures. Alderman Hopping made a motion and was seconded to pass the agreement. The vote was 5 yeas and no nays.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

Next on the agenda were the Department Head Reports. Jake McClintic was unable to come to this meeting so John McArthur with the water/sewer department was asked if he had anything and he stated that he is very grateful for all that Greg Thompson did in his time with the city and he is looking forward to seeing what Jake will bring for the future. He also stated that they had a water main break on Jakes first day of being the head of the water/sewer department. Richard Plummer stated that the spring cemetery clean up week will be coming up, all flowers that you would like to keep need to be removed by March 29<sup>th</sup> and can be put back out on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Kraig Townsend stated that it is tax season and cautioned everyone to be on the lookout for scams, the IRS will never text, email, or call you. Mayor Volkert then thanked the police department for their great work on the investigation from last week.

Next on the agenda were the Aldermen's Reports. Alderman Wirth stated that he is trying to figure out a solution with the railroad crossing blockages. He worked for the railroad for many years and knows the people and how they work and who to contact so he is going to continue to call around and do what he can. It is unacceptable and he will keep on them until it is resolved. He also stated that he has talked to Pat Raley with the Ready to Grow group and they will be working together on the home improvement program that he had mentioned at the last meeting. Mayor Volkert stated that the city will provide \$100.00 gift cards to the winner each month. Alderman Olson thanked the community and the city for all of the support of his family, daughter and her son that she is adopting who has a heart condition and just had his surgery.

### City Administrator's Report

David Dyer stated that he gave everyone a draft for the old Lord's Chevy building request for proposals and asked the council to look it over and let him know what they think. He also stated that he has been working with Trees Forever on a couple of grants and we have been awarded \$8,400 for a tree planting grant and \$29,170 for a tree inventory and management plan grant. This will give us a chance to get a \$25,000 yearly grant for tree removals. He then stated that we are in need of a new street sweeper and

they received two quotes so far, one is for a new Pelican at \$298,963.65 and the other is for a used 2019 model at \$194,500 (including delivery) and has 4,165 hours on it right now.

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

MAYOR \_\_\_\_\_

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