

CITY OF GALVA)
COUNTY OF HENRY) SS
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The City Council of the City of Galva met in regular session Monday March 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, 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 2, 2026 council meeting minutes. The vote was 6 yeas and no nays.

BILLS AND CLAIMS

Alderman Otterstrom 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 January MFT \$9,708.08, January Income tax \$37,655.87, December State Use tax \$1,454.06, January Cannabis tax \$297.90, December Telecommunications tax \$1,470.49, December Sales tax \$30,749.80, and January Video Gaming tax \$1,790.96. David Dyer stated that year over year we have been shorted about \$75,581 in state revenue and if the state approves the governor’s budget we will lose even more. IML is working on our behalf to help.

First on the agenda was the MFT Presentation. Greg Peterson with Bruner, Cooper, and Zuck gave the presentation. He passed out maps to everyone and stated that the work proposed is for the NE quadrant this year. Only a single coat is needed on these areas. He suggested appropriating \$203,000 for the proposed roadwork and David recommended the appropriation. Alderman Anderson made a motion and was seconded to appropriate the \$203,000 for this. The vote was 6 yeas and no nays. Mr. Peterson then went on to say that he looked into the estimated cost of a full rebuild of NW 10th and 11th streets and that came up to about \$1,000,000 without adding sidewalks, adding those would be an additional \$800,000. Alderman Clucas asked what the cost would be if they just ground it down and oil and chipped those streets instead and Greg stated that it could be done and he would have to get figures for that.

Next on the agenda was a discussion on the Old Lord’s Chevy Building RFP. Everyone had a copy of the proposed RFP and David asked if anyone had changes that they wanted on it. Everyone liked what he had put together and stated that it addresses the concerns that they had.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Donna Ericson was present and had concerns over the proposed CO2 storage at Big River Resources. Her biggest concerns were safety, extra traffic, whether the OEM is on board, and what this will do to people's property values. She wanted to know the councils' thoughts on this as well. David Dyer stated that he is not an expert on this however the EPA permit they applied for is a 2-year process to approve and addresses safety concerns. He also stated that Lapis will be back for meetings to address any concerns and that they would be the best ones to ask these questions of. Some of the aldermen have concerns as well. Sandra Brock was present as well and wanted to know the city policy for sign language for meetings. She is hard of hearing and has only been able to catch small bits and pieces of everything. She also stated that under the ADA act the city needs to provide a qualified sign language interpreter and she can provide a list from the state. Mayor Volkert stated that we have not had this come up before but he would have our attorney work on that. Sean O'Brien was also present and stated that he got a violation notice for the vehicles on his property, he acknowledged the issue but stated that a year ago he spent money to widen his driveway so that he could be in compliance of the ordinance and have more room to park everything but he has notices a property on NE 1st Ave that has a camper parked on gravel on the terrace which he was under the assumption that there was to be no terrace parking for RV's. Mayor Volkert stated that he would have Chief Townsend look into the issue.

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 the high service pump on well 4 which has been down for over a year is now back in service. They are also updating the chlorination system and got new equipment for that. Also, the towers will be cleaned and inspected at the end of the month. Richard Plummer had nothing at this time. Kraig Townsend stated that they sent out 61 letters for ordinance violations last week. He is trying to get them out earlier to give people more time to get the issues resolved. Mayor Volkert asked Richard when spring clean-up week will be and he replied that he usually does the first one the week after Father's Day.

Next on the agenda were the Aldermen's Reports. Alderman Wirth gave an update on the railroad crossings and stated that he spoke with the senior train master and made him aware of the conditions and crossing closures we have been dealing with and he agreed with John's concerns and assured him that they will comply and make sure to not close all of the crossings at once. He also stated that he will be meeting with Pat Raley soon about the property improvement awards he has been talking about. Alderman Clucas thanked Donna Ericson for raising her concerns. She also stated that Jordan Murray has written some children's books recently and his latest one is about the migration from Sweden to Galva and he is taking preorders for it. You can place your order at City Hall with Clerk VanWassenhove, the book is \$30 total and he is asking for ½ down to pre order. Diana Whitney then stated that she cannot find contact information for the council

on the website. David replied that the city clerk email is on there and you can email her with any concerns and she will give it to the council.

City Administrator's Report

David Dyer stated that the state of Minnesota did a study on street sweepers and the annual maintenance cost for them is around \$15,000 and most municipalities replace theirs around every 6-10 years.

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

SEE ATTACHED

Alderman Olson 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.

MAYOR _____

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk.