

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

The City Council of the City of Galva met in regular session Monday June 1, 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, Jackie Clucas, Rick Otterstrom, and Doug Anderson. Alderman Hopping 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 May 4, 2026 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: April Cannabis tax \$397.84, March Telecommunications tax \$1,443.25, April Video Gaming tax \$1,474.36, March State Use tax \$1,363.83, April Income tax \$76,414.69, April MFT \$9,118.04, April Personal Property Replacement tax \$13,135.01, March Grocery tax \$843.98, and March Sales tax \$23,479.29

First on the agenda was a Presentation by Dustin Williams. Amanda Stodgel came up with Mr. Williams and passed out a paper to each of the council members. Amanda then went over the findings of the audit that she performed. She spoke about the cost increase with no new contract, safety responses, lack of oversight, not agreeing with waiting on Lapis to provide a safety plan, etc. She then stated that she has elevated this to a state level and is demanding a formal written response to her audit. She then talked about water bill rates increasing in May. Dustin then spoke about his knowledge and all he's learned recently about carbon capture and sequestration. He stated that not allowing the council to vote on the land use agreement was a disservice. He spoke about the research he has conducted and is continuing to look into and hoped that the council is doing their own research as well. He stated that companies were not worried about their carbon footprint until money was involved. After much discussion he asked the council to pass a non-binding resolution to oppose the project and show where the city stands on this.

Next on the agenda was an IPEM Presentation by Matt Schnepple. Matt stated that the OEM is not a decision-making authority, but their job is to make sure everything is as

safe as possible. He talked about other dangers that come through towns in our area on a daily basis such as what is on rail cars and being hauled through town in trucks etc. He stated that his job is not political and his opinions are not fueled by politics either. His opinion is that there needs to be some trust, but verify the data. He agreed that we are not ready for CCS at this point and that we need to research more and update the emergency operation plan to account for this as well, however he did not agree with Mrs. Stodgel's other statements on the lack of emergency preparedness and invited her and Dustin to the OEM for an inspection. He spoke about updating safety plans to include CO2 and stated that they try to come up with any and every possibility of what could go wrong so that they can have a solution as well. He also spoke of the mass notification system that will be in operation within a year. After much discussion he stated that he is still waiting on data that he requested from Lapis so until he has that in place he is requesting a pause on this project from Henry County for now so that we can make sure that proper safety measures are in place.

Next on the agenda was a Resolution to Adopt an Updated Hazard Mitigation Plan. Mayor Volkert read the resolution. Alderman Clucas made a motion to approve and was seconded. The vote was 5 yeas and no nays.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Many citizens were present to voice concerns over the proposed CO2 sequestration project at Big River Resources. Dustin Williams, Sean O'Brien, Jennifer Stumphey, and Lance Smith all spoke out about their concerns on the project and the council. Lance Smith also announced his candidacy for Mayor at this time.

Next on the agenda were the Department Head Reports. Richard Plummer announced that clean up week will be June 22-27 with extended hours. Kraig Townsend asked residents not to accumulate junk on the terrace for extended periods and let everyone know that if they are not able to take advantage of clean up week then Eagle Enterprises does a large item pick up the first Wednesday of each month and they can purchase stickers at Eagle or City Hall. Jake McClintic asked residents not to blow their grass clippings into the roadways, it causes flooding and clogging issues.

Next on the agenda were the Aldermen's Reports. Alderman Otterstrom agreed that the residents should be voting on the CCs project, not the council. Alderman Anderson agreed with Matt Schnepple about the county moratorium and needing plan to be more prepared. He spoke about the cradle to grave act stating that Big River will be liable for any issues that come with this project not Lapis. He also stated that even if we did not sign the land use agreement, we would still have no say in this and they could have it passed either way. Alderman Clucas stated that in the spirit of 250 years the city will be keeping our American flags up until after the 4th of July and thanked Richard Plummer for working with her on that. She also stated that they will be painting some of the crosswalks on June 20th and encouraged everyone to come and help. She then thanked Dustin and Amanda for their relentless pursuit of information and she appreciates their

professionalism, though she did want to set the record straight on one thing, there was a post that was put out calling her a liar and claiming that she knew about something that she had no prior knowledge of just because a representative from Lapis reached out to her, she stated that she did not lie about anything and that the only reason they reached out to her is because she had many questions and concerns after the November meeting where they gave their presentation. She asked that they fact check their information before putting things out there. Dustin apologized for the misunderstanding. Alderman Olson agreed with Jackie and stated that he had no knowledge of this before the November meeting either. He then stated that the Levitt concerts started up again last night and encouraged everyone to go. He then thanked Pastor Rebecca Gearhart for the video she put out on Facebook and encouraged everyone to look it up. Alderman Wirth stated that he took an early position on this project, he thinks it is dangerous and unnecessary and is listening to everyone and taking concerns seriously. He also stated that he has a meeting set up with Lapis tomorrow.

City Administrator's Report

David Dyer stated that he will work on a resolution in support of a moratorium for next months meeting.

Alderman Otterstrom made a motion and was seconded to go into executive session. The vote was 5 yeas and no nays.

SEE ATTACHED

Alderman Anderson made a motion and was seconded to come back from executive session. The vote was 5 yeas and no nays.

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

MAYOR _____

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk.