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

The City Council of the City of Galva met in regular session Monday August 3, 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, Jayme Hopping, Jeff Olson, Rick Otterstrom, and Doug Anderson. Alderman Clucas was noted as being absent.

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES
Alderman Otterstrom made a motion and was seconded to approve the July 6, 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: June Video Gaming tax $2,818.41, June Cannabis tax $355.73, June Income tax $48,593.28, May Telecommunications tax $1,453.67, May State Use tax $2,046.65, May Grocery tax $1,069.06, May Sales tax $27,817.27, June MFT $8,967.87, and May/June Personal Property Replacement tax $12,951.49

First on the agenda was a discussion and vote on choosing the new city motto and tag line. Mike and Jane Martin were present to talk about the suggested motto, "Galva, Where Music Lives" with a tag line of "Small Town, Big Sound". Jane read a statement she wrote about what Galva and the live music movement that has been happening means to them. She stated that a slogan is not just words on a sign, it shows people what to expect when entering a town and the slogan they came up with is celebrating something that brings us all together in this community. After some discussion Alderman Wirth made a motion and was seconded to approve the new slogan and tag line. The vote was 5 yeas and no nays.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dustin Williams asked if the resolution we passed last month in support of the County moratorium was filed with the county. David Dyer replied and Clerk VanWassenhove confirmed that it had been filed with them. Dustin then asked what the status on the old

Lord Chevy building was. David replied that the time frame for bids has expired, but we do have some interested parties now. Karissa Wilson then spoke of a public safety concern of hers regarding fireworks. She detailed an incident that occurred on the 4th of July involving a themselves and a neighbor with illegal fireworks. During the incident the neighbors fireworks display tipped over and shot into her yard where children were present and she was very concerned for the safety of the people present and for innocent bystanders walking by after the City fireworks display and would like the council to look into their fireworks ordinance that has not been updated since the 1980's. There was much discussion on this and it was decided to take a look into updating the ordinance.

Next on the agenda were the Department Head Reports. Richard Plummer stated that the county will be coming in mid-August for oil and chipping. Chief Townsend reminded everyone that if they have something to report to the police it needs to be done right away and not days or even hours after the incident for them to be able to help. This has been happening a lot lately. If you see something, say something at the time it happens.

Next on the agenda were the Aldermen's Reports. Alderman Wirth mentioned that he had someone ask about putting a fence between the railroad tracks and the park at veteran's park. He also spoke of his project refurbishing old bicycles for needy kids.

City Administrator's Report

David Dyer asked Karissa Wilson to come in and talk to him more about her concerns.

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

SEE ATTACHED

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

MAYOR_____

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk.