

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

The City Council of the City of Galva met in regular session Monday September 8, 2025 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, Doug Anderson, and Rick Otterstrom. Alderman Clucas 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 August 4, 2025 council meeting minutes. The vote was 5 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 5 yeas and no nays.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Volkert reported that the City had received: State of IL: July Cannabis tax \$292.56, June Telecommunications tax \$1,465.81, July Video Gaming tax \$2,122.67, June State Use tax \$2,437.60, July Income tax \$25,789.07, July MFT \$9,474.88, June Sales tax \$33,186.31, and July Personal Property Replacement tax \$1,770.72. David commented that the sales tax is up from last month.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bob Collister gave a presentation about truth in taxation that was discussed and passed at the December 2024 public hearing and meeting. After much discussion it was determined to change the minutes from the public hearing to reflect that in the first sentence of the 2nd paragraph it should say tax rate, not taxes, and to correct the statement that said Mr. Collister was confused.

Next on the agenda were the Department Head Reports. Greg Thompson stated that they are on their 7th lead line removal and have at least 1 more to go. He also stated that they will be flushing hydrants from October 7-17 and that will shake up the system a bit. Kraig Townsend handed the aldermen a copy of the state laws on electric bikes and there was a brief conversation on that. Richard Plummer was not present so Mayor Volkert stated for him that the city-wide fall cleanup will be September 24-27. They will have a

roll off dumpster at the maintenance yard during that time and will be open for drop offs from 7am-5pm on the 24th and 25th, 7am-3pm on the 26th, and 7am-12pm on the 27th. They will also do a 1 time pick up for residents who are unable to bring items out themselves on the 24th, but you must call City Hall and arrange for pickups beforehand. He also stated that the fall cemetery cleanup week will be October 20-24, all items must be removed from graves by the 19th and can be replaced after the 24th.

Next on the agenda were the Aldermen's Reports. Alderman Wirth stated that they have the final car cruise for the year coming up this Friday the 12th and it will include a car parade to Bishop Hill. He appreciates all of the public support. He also stated that he spoke with Larry Morse on the Zoning Board about building on empty lots and Mr. Morse had many of the same concerns as the council about changing the ordinance. After his discussions with the other council members and Mr. Morse he agreed that the variance process is the best way to go about this for now and he wants the public to know that these applications do get looked at fairly and to make sure to talk to their neighbors first if they are interested in applying for this type of variance.

City Administrator's Report

David Dyer had nothing at this time.

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

MAYOR_____

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk.