

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

The City Council of the City of Galva met in regular session Monday November 3, 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, Jeff Olson, Jackie Clucas, Doug Anderson, and Rick Otterstrom. 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 October 06, 2025 council meeting minutes. The vote was 5 yeas and no nays.

#### BILLS AND CLAIMS

Alderman Anderson 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: September Video Gaming tax \$2,954.47, September Cannabis tax \$297.73, August Telecommunications tax \$1,376.99, September Income tax \$47,377.76, August State Use tax \$2,030.14, August Sales tax \$34,801.71, August /September Personal Property Replacement tax \$10,669.65, and September MFT \$9,879.81

First on the agenda was the Auditor's Presentation. Kim Hoffman with Hoffman & Tranel was present. She went over the audit information and stated that all numbers were represented fairly. She stated that our IMRF is still in a very good position and is over funded. She said for improvements she noted that the police, fire, and cemetery accounts need to be recorded in LOCIS and Clerk VanWassenhove is already working on that for next year. She ended by reminding the council to stay involved and ask questions.

Next on the agenda was a bid opening for the 2011 Crown Victoria. Mayor Volkert stated that we have received two sealed bids for this and proceeded to open them. The first bid was from Sean Bonner for \$650.00 and the second bid was from Ringwood Motors for \$580.00. Alderman Olson made a motion and was seconded to accept the high bid of \$650.00 from Sean Bonner. The vote was 5 yeas and no nays.

Next on the agenda was a presentation by Lapis. Laurin Berry was present representing Lapis and also introduced Dave Zimmerman, the CEO of Big River Resources, and

several other representatives for this project. Mr. Zimmerman stated that Big River Resources has been investigating ways to lower their carbon emissions. They have been working with Lapis for a couple of years now to come up with a solution for this. Erik Leigh, another representative from Lapis, expanded on what they are wanting to do. They are looking into using an underground storage process for the Co2 instead of the pipeline that was discussed with Navigator before. Galva is a unique area to be able to do this because of the porous sandstone and impermeable layer of rock that would cap the Co2. They stated that there would be no trenching of top soil to disrupt tile lines, no eminent domain, 50 years of post-care process, and a very stringent EPA and state permitting process to make sure everything is done correctly and safely. They stated that they want to stay transparent about the process and keep the community and council involved each step of the way. They also highlighted that this would help to keep Big River Resources in our area for a very long time and would be beneficial to the farmers as well. There was much discussion about all of this and the representatives from Lapis and Big River stated that they would be having more meetings and community engagement in the future regarding this.

Next on the agenda was **Ordinance 1662: Dissolving Tif 2**. David Dyer stated that TIF 2 has ended and we need to pass an ordinance to officially dissolve it. Alderman Olson made a motion and was seconded to pass the ordinance. 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. Kraig Townsend had nothing at this time. Richard Plummer stated that November 17<sup>th</sup> would be the last scheduled yard waste pick up for the year and it will be a free pick up so stickers are not necessary, but you do still need to have it in paper biodegradable bags. Greg Thompson had nothing at this time.

Next on the agenda were the Aldermen's Reports. Alderman Wirth stated that the basketball court at Washington Park looks great and thanked the guys for getting it done. Alderman Anderson stated that he has been on the ground floor of the discussions with the representatives from Lapis and Big River Resources and he thinks this would be a very good thing for the ethanol plant and he was impressed with the answers they received tonight.

#### City Administrator's Report

David Dyer stated that he gave everyone pictures of two used street sweepers. We currently have a 2002 model and it is now broken and the cost of the repair exceeds the worth of the current one. These are just 2 options they found so far and they will continue looking for more used models. New ones run at about \$250,000.

Mayor Volkert announced that Veteran's Day is coming up and invited everyone to come to the ceremony at Veteran's Park on the 11<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m.

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

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