

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

The City Council of the City of Galva met in regular session Monday December 01, 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, Jayme Hopping, 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 November 03, 2025 council meeting minutes. The vote was 5 yeas and no nays.

BILLS AND CLAIMS

Alderman Hopping 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 October MFT \$9,395.20, October Video Gaming tax \$2,242.87, September Sales tax \$29,032.12, October Cannabis tax \$287.19, September Telecommunications tax \$1,420.87, September State Use tax \$2,102.80, and October Income tax \$27,254.80

First on the agenda was Ordinance 1663: Tax Levy Ordinance for FY 25/26. David stated that everyone had already received a copy of the proposed ordinance for review and asked if anyone had any questions. Alderman Anderson asked if the tax rate would be going down and David replied that we are asking for a 5.6 cent reduction in the rate. Alderman Olson made a motion and was seconded to pass the ordinance. The vote was 5 yeas and no nays. Clerk VanWassenhove will file the ordinance with the county by the last Tuesday in December.

Next on the agenda was the Planning Commission recommendation for the proposed city comprehensive plan. All aldermen had received a copy of the Planning Commissions recommendation. David Dyer stated that the board recommended the plan with the following 3 suggested additions: adding a dog park, a train viewing area, and a splash pad. Alderman Anderson stated that the Park District has a splash pad in their comprehensive plan already. Alderman Wirth made a motion and was seconded to approve the Comprehensive Plan for the City of Galva. The vote was 5 yeas and no nays.

Next on the agenda was the Lord Chevrolet Building. David Dyer stated that he and Alderman Wirth have had several conversations about what to include in the bid specs

and they wanted to bring it to the council. Alderman Wirth stated that he is mostly concerned about what will be done with the structure. He would like to see renovation/repair plans included in the specs. Alderman Hopping asked what the minimum bid for the property would be and David replied \$24,000. Alderman Anderson asked if it was currently zoned retail and David replied that it is. Alderman Olson stated that he wants to make sure that it is included to have the exterior fixed up as well and asked how we would be able to hold the buyers to it. David stated that we can include a claw back provision so we would be able to take the building back if they do not comply. Alderman Anderson wanted to see a development business plan included as well.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Diana Whitney asked the council if they had heard of Kewanee's issues with their dog park since it was brought up as an idea for Galva. She went on to say that they are having issues with no one wanting to clean up after their dogs so very few people are using it at this point.

Next on the agenda were the Department Head Reports. Greg Thompson stated that there is a water leak at Veteran's park and he is planning on having it repaired on Wednesday. Kraig Townsend asked that residents not park in the roadway if there is more than 1" of snow predicted. Richard Plummer had nothing at this time.

Next on the agenda were the Aldermen's Reports. Alderman Wirth thanked the city crew for their snow removal efforts. Alderman Olson seconded Alderman Wirth. Alderman Anderson thanked the crew as well and wished everyone a happy and safe holiday season.

### City Administrator's Report

David Dyer thanked Alderman Wirth for his help in working on the plans for the new playground equipment, it is a huge task. David stated that they would be presenting to the council as soon as the new plans are ready. Hopefully by February.

Mayor Volkert stated that he appreciates all of the volunteers we have in town that help with events, he thanked all of the committees/boards, the Aldermen for their time & caring, and the city employees for all of their hard work through the year as well.

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.

