

CITY OF GALESVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

October 10, 2024

Mayor Tom Thatcher called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Council attending: Bruce Bender, Dave Carlson, Randy Larson, Diane Redsten, Jesse Swing, Ryker Todd.

Council Absent: None

Others in attendance: Public Works Director-Todd Peterson, Library Director- Laura Oanes, Police Officer-Dustin Barton, Trempealeau County Times-Andrew Dannehy, Chad Jones, Tory-Kale Schulz

Mayor Thatcher led the Pledge of Allegiance

Open meeting laws have been met by posting the agenda on the community board at City Hall, Galesville Public Library, website and distributed to all news media requesting notification in accordance with the open meeting laws on or before 4:00 p.m. on the day before the meeting.

Mayor Thatcher wanted to apologize to committee heads for stepping on their toes.

Motion by Dave Carlson to approve the regular council meeting minutes from September 12, 2024; seconded by Ryker Todd. Ayes -6, Nays -0, Motion carried

Motion by Diane Redsten to approve the September 2024 Treasurer's Report and Cash Accounts Balance Reports; seconded by Randy Larson. Ayes -6, Nays -0, Motion carried.

There were no public comments

Paul Evenson, Police Chief, was absent so no discussion on the monthly report submitted.

Laura Oanes, Library Director didn't have anything additional to add to the monthly report submitted.

Mayor Thatcher reported on the Park Commission meeting held September 18th to discuss recommendations for the 2025 budget; \$10,000 for maintenance of High Cliff Park, \$12,500 Summer Rec Program, \$5,000 for reimbursement of family pool memberships, \$1,000 for camera at Cance Park and \$5,000 for forestry to be discussed on October 17th.

Bruce Bender, Chairperson of IT committee reported on the meeting held on September 18th to discuss budget considerations. Most pressing was the firewall replacement of \$1300 with a motion to be paid out of existing funds. After speaking with Jennifer, it was discovered that those funds are not available. No actions were taken.

Ryker Todd, Chairperson of the Police, Fire & Personnel Committee reported on the meeting held on September 18th to discuss possible pay adjustments for city employees, further discussion will be in closed session.

Diane Redsten, Chairperson of the finance committee, reported on the meeting held on October 8th. no actions to be taken, minutes were handed out at the meeting.

Dave Carlson, Chairperson of the Streets & Sidewalks Committee, reported on the meeting held on October 9th. They discussed the drainage issue on Campus Court and have repair estimates of \$19,000 and \$96,530. There was discussion on who would be responsible for the costs if the work was done. Todd made contact with developer and was informed Flyway Developers is no longer in business. The time to do it would be now before the weather changes.

Motion by Dave Carlson to retain Nelson Excavating to do scope of work on Campus Court that they provided to the city. Cost not to exceed \$19,000 money to be paid for out of unspent city street funds and unspent ARPA funds and refer the matter to the city attorney to determine if there is any liability on the part of the developers; seconded by Randy Larson. Vote: Bender-yes, Carlson-yes, Larson-yes, Redsten-yes, Swing-yes, Todd-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dave Carlson for a proposed ordinance to allow ATV/UTV use on all City of Galesville streets; seconded by Jesse Swing. Ayes -6, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Recommended \$4200 for flower/banners in downtown, \$50,000 for street repair, \$30,000 for sidewalks for the 2025 budget. Minutes were handed out at the meeting.

Permits issued for (2) decks and (2) fences.

Motion by Diane Redsten to approve applications for Street Use Permit from Zion Lutheran Church for October 31, 2024; seconded by Ryker Todd. Ayes -6, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Motion by Dave Carlson to approve Resolution 2024-015 To Initiate the Budget Process; seconded by Jesse Swing. Vote: Bender-yes, Carlson-yes, Larson-yes, Redsten-yes, Swing-yes, Todd-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dave Carlson to approve Ordinance 2-2-24 Remote Attendance at Meetings; seconded by Jesse Swing. There was discussion about refining the presented ordinance at a different meeting of the council. Motion by Dave Carlson to table Ordinance 2-2-24 until the December meeting; seconded by Ryker Todd. Ayes -6, Nays -0, Motion carried.

No discussion on purchasing equipment for remote meeting participation due to ordinance being tabled.

Motion by Diane Redsten to approve paying the bills: General: \$186,491.97; Sewer: \$11,026.34; Water: \$20,238.28; Library: \$3,110.62 Total: \$220,867.21; seconded by Randy Larson. Vote: Bender-yes, Carlson-yes, Larson-yes, Redsten-yes, Swing-yes, Todd-yes. Motion carried.

Correspondence and other reports

Motion by Dave Carlson to convene into closed session under Section 19.85(1)(c) of the Wisconsin Statutes: Considering Employment, Promotion, compensation or Performance Evaluation Data of Any Public Employee Over Which the Governmental Body has Jurisdiction or Exercises Responsibility. Governing Body members, the municipal attorney and the municipal clerk may attend the closed session; seconded by Randy Larson. Vote: Bender-yes, Carlson-yes, Larson-yes, Redsten-yes, Swing-yes, Todd-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dave Carlson to reconvene into open session; seconded by Diane Redsten. Ayes -6, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Motion by Dave Carlson to adopt the recommended 2025 wage adjustments as discussed in closed session; seconded by Jesse Swing. Vote: Bender-yes, Carlson-yes, Larson-yes, Redsten-yes, Swing-yes, Todd-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dave Carlson to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Diane Redsten. Ayes -6, Nays -0, Motion carried.

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Jennifer Hess
City Clerk/Treasurer