

CITY OF GALESVILLE  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

October 17, 2024

Mayor Tom Thatcher called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

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

Council Absent: None

Others in attendance: Attorney- Bruce Hart, Public Works Director-Todd Peterson, Police Officer Caleb Correa, Alice Baldini, Nancy Boehm, Osmani Cruz, Jim Wojcischowski, Mike Schams, Corey Feyen, Rob Grover and Chad Jones.

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 thanked everyone for attending and for the work that Alderperson Carlson, the Streets and Sidewalk Committee and Todd Peterson have put into trying to find solutions to the issue. The purpose of the meeting is to focus on a solution and not place blame on anyone.

Dave Carlson confirmed that this is a problem that has been discussed at Street and Sidewalk Committee meetings and there has been research done to try and resolve the issue. It doesn't appear that the development was built according to the plans that were submitted. The road in the development became a city street and is now our problem to repair. The cost should be looked at and possibly recouping some money from the developer and not the residents.

Todd Peterson said this is the first year that there has been an issue that has been brought to our attention and agrees that there is an issue and needs to be fixed.

Osmani Cruz shared that the issue began in the summer of 2022 on his property. He was able to work with the developer to make some changes with landscaping and continue to work on it at no cost to him.

Mike Schams, a partner of Flyway Developers that has dissolved, started working in 2023 to try and push the water down the street from the back of the development.

Corey Feyen, concrete contractor, shared that he came and did the laser and transit shots of the culverts. He feels the issue is the street goes back into the hill and doesn't go uphill as planned so the water would flow out of the development. His opinion is that changing the culverts will not fix the issue with Osmani's house because there is not enough pitch in the ditch and it can't be increased. One recommendation was to go install a catch basin between 2 houses and pipe it behind the houses.

Motion by Dave Carlson to rescind the council's previous actions taken on October 10<sup>th</sup> in relation to the issue on Campus Court; seconded by Diane Redsten. Ayes -6, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Mike Schams will provide Mayor Thatcher with a description of what has been proposed for the area near Osmani's house.

Todd Peterson asked if there was a possibility of adding a storm sewer to all the properties and a catch basin by the fire hydrant.

A meeting between Davy Engineering, Todd Peterson, Randy Larson, Corey Feyen and Mike Schams will take place after reviewing the proposals. We would like to have some less expensive alternatives.

The land owners in attendance were satisfied with the recommendation.

Motion by Dave Carlson to table further discussion drainage concerns on Campus Court; seconded by Randy Larson. Ayes -6, Nays -0, Motion carried.

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

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Jennifer Hess  
City Clerk/Treasurer