

CITY OF GALESVILLE  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

October 23, 2024

Mayor Tom Thatcher called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Council attending: Bruce Bender, Dave Carlson, Randy Larson, Diane Redsten (arrived 6:36), Jesse Swing, Ryker Todd.

Council Absent: None

Others in attendance: Public Works Director-Todd Peterson, Mike Davy and Jim Maloney from Davy Engineering. Sean Lentz from Ehlers joined via Teams.

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.

Mike Davy presented the concept plan referred to as "West Side Project"; to replace sewer, water and the streets in the areas that include 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, West Gale Avenue, West Clark Avenue and McKinley Avenue. This project has been discussed since 2016 and they feel that now is the time to proceed with the project with no major impact to sewer or water rates or property taxes. The timing of the Ridgeview Estates TID closing could help offset the costs and was included in the plan.

Sean Lentz went over several options for financing of the project and how it would impact the city finances. He presented several different options that would be available for financing the project and agreed with Mike Davy that now would be the time to take on this project with minimal impact to tax payers.

There are few opportunities for grant assistance on the project because the city's income is too high for the grant assistance programs that could be used for financing. By using some cash on hand and through loans for the water, sewer and general obligation the total estimated cost of \$3,006,040.00 could be started in 2025 with the first debt payments to start in 2026. The council will work with Davy and Ehlers to come up with the best financing plan.

Motion by Dave Carlson to authorize preliminary engineering report and project design (2025 construction); seconded by Ryker Todd. 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