

CITY OF GALESVILLE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

February 13, 2025

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: Attorney Bruce Hart, Public Works Director-Todd Peterson, Library Director-Laura Oanes, Police Chief-Paul Evenson, Officer Christian Medema, Officer Dustin Barton Trempealeau County Times-Zach Rastall, Chad Jones, Rob Grover

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.

Motion by Dave Carlson to approve the regular council meeting minutes from January 9, 2025; seconded by Ryker Todd. Ayes -6, Nays -0, Motion carried

Motion by Ryker Todd to approve the January 2025 Treasurer's Report and Cash Accounts Balance Reports; seconded by Diane Redsten. Ayes -6, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Paul Evenson, Police Chief was given the opportunity to discuss the monthly report submitted. The training has been completed on the body and dash cams.

Laura Oanes, Library Director was given the opportunity to discuss the monthly report submitted.

Motion by Jesse Swing to approve the Commercial Electrical Inspection Fee Schedule; seconded by Randy Larson. Ayes -6, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Diane Redsten, Chairperson of the Finance Committee, reported they met and minutes are attached to the packet. No recommendations to the council.

Ryker Todd, Chairperson of the Police, Fire and Personnel Committee, reported that they met and minutes are attached to the packet.

Motion by Jesse Swing to update Personnel Manual regarding Law Enforcement Employee Holiday Pay; seconded by Diane Redsten. Ayes -6, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Motion by Randy Larson to approve the creation of Deputy Chief of Police Position; seconded by Diane Redsten. Motion by Dave Carlson to table; seconded by Ryker Todd. Ayes -5, Nays -1, Motion carried.

Motion by Ryker Todd to revise Section 3-28-1 Mobile Audio Video and Section 3-28-2 Portable Audio/Video Recorders in the Police Department Policies and Procedure Manual; seconded by Jesse Swing. Ayes -6, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Dave Carlson, Chairperson of the Streets & Sidewalks Committee, reported they met and minutes are attached to the packet.

Motion by Dave Carlson to eliminate parking spot #2 and to make parking spots #4 and 5 disabled parking only; seconded by Jesse Swing. Discussion with views presented from different angles of N

Main Street. Bruce Bender mention this is an experiment that is reversable. There was concern of this becoming a turn lane. Ayes -6, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Motion by Diane Redsten to revise Section 10-1-50 Penalties, Forfeitures for Parking Violations; seconded by Bruce Bender. Discussion of the change to be made from \$10 to \$40. Vote: Bender-yes, Carlson-yes, Larson-yes, Redsten-yes, Swing-yes, Todd-yes. Motion carried.

Jennifer presented a Schedule of Fees for permits and fines issued by the city. This will enable the council to change a fee without having to update the ordinance once.

Motion by Dave Carlson to approve City of Galesville Schedule of Fees; seconded by Jesse Swing. Vote: Bender-yes, Carlson-yes, Larson-yes, Redsten-yes, Swing-yes, Todd-yes. Motion carried.

No discussion or action taken on revised locations for Galesville signs.

No discussion or action taken on pedestrian crossing improvement options.

Motion by Dave Carlson to approve applications for License to Serve Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquors for Keri Salzwedel and Nicholas Salzwedel; seconded by Diane Redsten. Ayes - 6, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Motion by Diane Redsten to approve paying the bills: General: \$760,250.64; Sewer: \$19,666.29; Water: \$8,248.93; Capital Project Fund \$16,633.31, ARPA \$5,595.00, Library: \$7,315.87 Total: \$817,710.04; 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 Ryker Todd to recess the council meeting until after the conclusion of the Public Hearing; seconded by Jesse Swing. Ayes-6, Nays-0 Motion Carried.

Mayor Thatcher called the hearing to order at 7:00 pm

Mayor Thatcher opened the meeting for public comments, called for public comments 3 times.

Mayor Thatcher closed the meeting for public comments

The city will be allowed to contract commercial and large scale residential electrical inspections instead of having to use the State Department of Safety and Professional Services at a higher rate.

Motion by Dave Carlson to adopt Resolution 2025-001 to amend the text of Title 15, Chapter 1, Section 15-1-4, Construction Standards; Code Adopted; seconded by Randy Larson. Vote: Bender-yes, Larson-yes, Carlson-yes, Todd-yes, Redsten-yes, Swing-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Diane Redsten to adjourn the public hearing; seconded by Randy Larson. Ayes-6, Nays-0 Motion Carried.

Motion by Ryker Todd to reconvene the regular council meeting; seconded by Diane Redsten. 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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