

CITY OF GALESVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

March 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: Library Director- Laura Oanes, Police Officer-Dustin Barton, Trempealeau County Times-Zach Rastall, Jean Seely and Chad Jones.

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 Bruce Bender to approve the regular council meeting minutes from February 13, 2025; seconded by Jesse Swing. Ayes -6, Nays -0, Motion carried

Motion by Dave Carlson to approve the special council meeting minutes from February 25, 2025; seconded by Bruce Bender. Ayes -5, Nays -0, Diane Redsten abstained, Motion carried

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

No public comments

Paul Evenson, Police Chief was not at the meeting. Report submitted

Laura Oanes, Library Director, shared the snapshot of the 2024 activity at the library. Report submitted.

Randy Larson attended a meeting at Hilltopper Recycle and Refuse where they reviewed the annual pounds of refuse and recycling collected in Galesville and changes they have made to assist with pickup.

Dave Carlson, Chairperson of the Streets & Sidewalks Committee, reported.

Jim Lundberg from Point of Beginning updated the committee on the status of the retaining wall project. The next step in the process is to put the project out for bids.

Motion by Dave Carlson to approve advertising the West Ridge Avenue retaining wall project for bids and funding for Point of Beginning to oversee the bid process with the \$3,000.00 to come from the street outlay account; seconded by Jesse Swing. Vote: Bender-yes, Carlson-yes, Larson-yes, Redsten-yes, Swing-yes, Todd-yes. Motion carried.

If the project is approved and money is borrowed to fund the project, the \$3,000.00 will be returned to the street outlay account.

The proposal from Gerke Excavating to recycle the concrete along highway 54/93 was discussed. The concrete pile would be moved and used by the city. If the proposal isn't approved the city would have to continue to purchase material for projects this could be used for.

Diane Redsten, Chairperson of the Finance & Insurance Committee, reported.

Motion by Diane Redsten to approve the proposal from Gerke Excavating for \$10,880.00 to grind construction debris along Hwy 54/93 with the funds to come from street outlay; seconded by Ryker Todd. Vote: Bender-yes, Carlson-yes, Larson-yes, Redsten-yes, Swing-yes, Todd-yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Thatcher reported that the Park Commission met to discuss Horseshoe Park and possibly making it a Veterans Memorial. The horseshoe pits are no longer being used so they will be removed.

Motion by Dave Carlson to approve the application for License to Serve Fermented Malt Beverages and Intoxicating Liquors from Hilary Brantner; seconded by Randy Larson. Ayes -0, Nays -6, Motion failed.

Motion by Diane Redsten to approve paying the bills: General: \$605,123.34; Sewer: \$32,983.54; Water: \$10,028.36; Capital Project Fund: \$48,127.29; ARPA: \$5,125.00; Library: \$10,073.06 Total: \$711,460.59; seconded by Jesse Swing. Vote: Bender-yes, Carlson-yes, Larson-yes, Redsten-yes, Swing-yes, Todd-yes. Motion carried.

Correspondence and other reports

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

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Jennifer Hess
City Clerk/Treasurer