

CITY OF GALESVILLE

COUNCIL MEETING

October 9, 2025

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

Council attending: Dave Carlson, Rob Grover, Randy Larson, Jean Seely, Jesse Swing, Ryker Todd (7:02)

Council Absent: none

Others in attendance: Attorney- Riley Printz, Public Works Director- Todd Peterson, Library Director- Laura Oanes, Police Chief- Paul Evenson, Officer-Dustin Barton, Officer- Andrew Dahl, Davy Engineering – David Shimek, Mary Iverson, Brianna Iverson, David Nuland, Diane Thatcher, Madeline Wilcox, Dan St. Pierre, Willow Schubert, La Vonne Peterson, Adam McRae, Diane Redsten, Tory-Kale Schulz, Amanda Lydon.

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 introduced Riley Printz, the attorney representing Arndt, Buswell & Thorn.

Mayor Thatcher thanked all parties involved with the set up and take down of both locations of Apple Affair.

Motion by Dave Carlson to approve the Special Council Meeting minutes from September 18, 2025 with changes; seconded by Jean Seely. Ayes -5, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Motion by Randy Larson to approve the September 2025 Treasurer's Report and Cash Accounts Balance Reports; seconded by Rob Grover. Ayes -5, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Mary Iverson spoke about the hardwood sugar maple tree growing in the boulevard next to her house and thanked council members and the mayor for their attention to the tree and to the clerk for making her feel welcome.

Tory-Kale Schulz voiced disapproval regarding the handling of downtown decorations, which had been provided by Traci Stoner, by the mayor. After being called out of order by the mayor, Mr. Schulz repeatedly continued speaking despite further warnings, leading to him being escorted from the council chambers.

Paul Evenson, Police Chief, had no additional comments to the monthly report that was submitted.

Laura Oanes, Library Director, had no additional comments to the monthly report that was submitted.

Todd Peterson, Director of Public Works, had no additional comments to the report that was submitted.

There were (2) permits issued by the Building Inspector in September.

Tom Thatcher, chairperson of the Plan Commission, reported that they met per the minutes submitted. They reviewed the Comprehensive Survey that will be going out sometime next week, reviewed the plans and goals of the plan. There was discussion about keeping of goats on city property to keep avoid using chemicals to control weeds. They referred it to council to come up with an ordinance and permit. No action to be taken.

Jean Seely, member of the IT committee, reported that they met per the minutes submitted. They are working on a Capitalizations Plan and made recommendations for the 2026 budget. No actions to be taken.

Jesse Swing, chairperson of the Finance & Insurance committee, reported that they met per the minutes submitted. No actions to be taken.

Dan St. Pierre from Point of Beginning stated that T2 Contracting, LLC has notified us that they are unable to fulfill the contract that was awarded to them for the retaining wall project. There are 3 options that are allowed

per the bid documents. We can reject the bid and rebidding the project in January, pull the bid bond from T2 and apply it to the next lowest bidder or proceed with the contract with T2 and revising the contract schedule to allow the project to be completed in the spring of 2026.

The attorney reviewed the documents and recommended rejecting the bid and rebidding the project in January.

Motion by Randy Larson to reject all bids and rebid the project in January for targeted spring construction; seconded by Dave Carlson. Ayes -5, Nays -0, Motion carried.

There was discussion of pulling the bid bond and applying that to the next highest bid, however that bid was much higher.

Dan felt that there is a benefit to bidding this out in the winter when companies are looking for work and bid more competitively.

Motion by Dave Carlson to prohibit removal of the tree in the boulevard on South 7th Street without prior council approval; seconded by Rob Grover. Ayes -6, Nays -0, Motion carried.

David Shimek, from Davy Engineering, said they still recommend removal of the tree. In speaking with the arborist today, the sidewalk can be taken out or kept, a tree service is scheduled to come and trim or remove the tree on Friday. The arborist recommended removing some of the large branches now that are partially dead and some trimming to keep the tree viable. If the tree cutter has any issues with the viability of the tree, he will be available to facetime and discuss the status of the tree. The arborist stated the tree is healthy and strong and didn't recommend a bump out to accommodate the roots. He recommending leaving the existing sidewalk and placing the new sidewalk around the tree to avoid cutting the roots.

Motion by Dave Carlson to approve Application for Payment No. 1 from McCabe Construction, Inc, for the West Side Project for \$708,305.37; seconded by Randy Larson. Vote: Carlson- yes, Grover-yes, Larson-yes, Seely-yes, Swing-yes, Todd-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dave Carlson to approve the revised lease as presented in the packet for Old Main.; seconded by Jesse Swing. Vote: Carlson-yes; Grover-yes, Larson-yes, Seely-yes, Swing-yes, Todd-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ryker Todd to approve Resolution 2025-008 To Initiate the Budget Process for January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026; seconded by Jean Seely. Vote: Carlson-yes; Grover-yes, Larson-yes, Seely-yes, Swing-yes, Todd-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Jesse Swing approve Accounts Payable and Manual Checks for General: \$65,756.84, Sewer: \$8,219.04, Water \$16,458.33, Library \$6,825.45; Total \$97,259.66; seconded by Randy Larson Vote: Carlson-yes; Grover-yes, Larson-yes, Seely-yes, Swing-yes, Todd-yes. Motion carried.

Correspondence and other reports submitted included:

September budget comparison detail for General, Sewer and Water funds

Galesville Area Fire Department minutes, June 2, 2025

Lake Marinuka Protection & Rehabilitation District minutes, July 22, 2025

Galesville Area Chamber of Commerce minutes, August 13, 2025

Joint Review Board minutes, September 8, 2025

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

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