

CITY OF GALESVILLE

COUNCIL MEETING

December 11, 2025

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

Council attending: Dave Carlson, Randy Larson, Jean Seely, Jesse Swing, Ryker Todd

Council Absent: Rob Grover

Others in attendance: Public Works Director- Todd Peterson, Library Director- Laura Oanes, Police Chief- Paul Evenson, Trempealeau County Times-Madeline Wilcox, Davy Engineering –David Shimek and James Maloney, Scott Seely

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 thanked David Trim for 20 years of service with the city.

Motion by Dave Carlson to approve the Council Meeting minutes from November 13, 2025; seconded by Ryker Todd. Ayes -5, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Motion by Jean Seely to approve the November 2025 Treasurer's Report and Cash Accounts Balance Reports; seconded by Ryker Todd. Ayes -5, Nays -0, Motion carried.

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.

There was (1) permit issued by the Building Inspector in November.

Mayor Thatcher reported that the Park Commission met to discuss and approve dock changes and improvements at Fireman's Park by the Trout Club. There will be no expense to the city.

Jean Seely, Chairperson of the IT Committee, reported that they met per the minutes submitted. No recommendations to the council.

Jesse Swing, Chairperson of the Finance & Insurance committee, reported that they met per the minutes submitted.

Motion by Jesse Swing to authorize purchasing a squad car not to exceed \$75,000.00 and finance it with the Bluff View Bank, (3) year amortization with 4.375% rate, payments to come from the general fund; seconded by Ryker Todd. Vote: Carlson- yes, Larson-yes, Seely-no, Swing-yes, Todd-yes. Motion carried.

Jean Seely was concerned about the payments coming from the general fund and has not been budgeted for in 2026. Jesse Swing said the payments would be approximately \$6,500.00. Mayor Thatcher is concerned about having an operational vehicle. Ryker Todd stated that they looked at as less than \$10,000 in cash would be used for 5-6 months of payments prior to obtaining the loan.

There were 2 quotes obtained for replacing the library roof but the estimates exceed \$25,000 so the project will have to be bid out.

Motion by Jesse Swing to prepare documents to obtain bids for the library roof replacement. Bids will be opened at a Finance meeting and brought to the Council; seconded by Randy Larson. Ayes -5, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Motion by Jesse Swing to open a checking account at Bluff View Bank for Affordable Housing; seconded by Dave Carlson. Ayes -5, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Motion by Ryker Todd to approve Change Order No. 3 Roadway Subgrade Correction West Side Sewer, Water & Streets Project for \$179,600.00; seconded by Jean Seely. Vote: Carlson- yes, Larson-yes, Seely-yes, Swing-yes, Todd-yes. Motion carried.

James Maloney explained that unstable soil was encountered during the aggregate base preparation. In order to stabilize the areas additional breaker rock and geo grid material. The order will be submitted to the DNR and 20% of this cost is eligible for the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program.

Motion by Dave Carlson to approve Application for Payment No. 3 from McCabe Construction, Inc, for the West Side Project for \$318,565.71; seconded by Randy Larson. Vote: Carlson- yes, Larson-yes, Seely-yes, Swing-yes, Todd-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Randy Larson to approve Application for License to Serve Fermented Malt Beverages and Intoxicating Liquors for Zachary Tonn; seconded by Jean Seely. Ayes -5, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Motion by Jesse Swing to adopt Resolution 2025-012 Appointing Election Inspectors for the term 2026-2027; seconded by Jean Seely. Ayes -5, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Motion by Jean Seely to amend ordinance 9-1-1 Public Fire Protection Service F-1; seconded by Dave Carlson. Vote: Carlson- yes, Larson-yes, Seely-yes, Swing-yes, Todd-yes. Motion carried.

The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC) approved our 3% rate increase through a Simplified Rate Case on November 20, 2025. These fees are included in our ordinances so they have to be amended.

Motion by Dave Carlson to amend Ordinance 9-1-2 (a), (b) General Service-Metered-Mg-1; seconded by Jean Seely. Vote: Carlson-yes, Larson-yes, Seely-yes, Swing-yes, Todd-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Jesse Swing approve Accounts Payable and Manual Checks for General: \$691,485.01, Sewer: \$17,498.34, Water \$6,255.88, Capital Project Fund \$583,620.41; Library \$24,179.23; Total \$1,323,038.87; seconded by Dave Carlson Vote: Carlson-yes, Larson-yes, Seely-yes, Swing-yes, Todd-yes. Motion carried.

Correspondence and other reports submitted included:

November budget comparison detail for General, Sewer and Water funds

Galesville Area Fire Department minutes, September 8, 2025

Southern Trempealeau County Solid Waste Commission minutes, September 8, 2025

Galesville Area Chamber of Commerce minutes, October 8, 2025

Motion by Ryker Todd to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Randy Larson. Ayes -5, Nays -0, Motion carried.

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Jennifer Hess  
City Clerk/Treasurer