

CITY OF GALESVILLE

COUNCIL MEETING

January 8, 2026

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

Council Absent: None

Others in attendance: Director of Public Works – Todd Peterson; Library Director- Laura Oanes, County Times-Madeline Wilcox, Donald Teska

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 Council Meeting minutes from December 11, 2025; seconded by Ryker Todd. Ayes -6, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Motion by Dave Carlson to approve the December 2025 Treasurer's Report and Cash Accounts Balance Reports with corrections to the date of the report to December 2025; seconded by Ryker Todd. Ayes -6, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Donald Teska spoke about a parking ticket that he received, his property tax payment last year and city plowing.

Paul Evenson, Police Chief was not in attendance to comment on 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 were (2) permit issued by the Building Inspector in December.

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

Motion by Ryker Todd to approve 2025 Budget Amendments; seconded by Jean Seely. Vote: Carlson- yes, Grover-yes, Larson-yes, Seely-yes, Swing-yes, Todd-yes. Motion carried.

There were unused funds due to the vacancy of a fulltime officer in the police department for a portion of the year and closure of the TID district that were reallocated to streets, library roof replacement and new squad car.

Motion by Rob Grover to authorize sending a letter to the Trempealeau Country Treasurer regarding interest on the late tax settlement, lottery credit payment; seconded by Randy Larson. Ayes -6, Nays -0, Motion carried.

There was discussion on direction of what the letter should say and if consulting the attorney would incur more cost than what we would get in return. Any fees incurred to resolve this will be part of the amount requested.

Motion by Ryker Todd to repeal and amend ordinance 13-1-32 MW Municipal Well Recharge Area Overlay District; seconded by Jesse Swing. Ayes -6, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Todd Peterson said this was an update requested by Davy Engineering to protect our water resources at the well houses.

Motion by Dave Carlson to approve the sidewalk easement agreement with Zion Lutheran Church on S 7<sup>th</sup> Street; seconded by Randy Larson. Ayes -6, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Motion by Randy Larson to approve Application for Temporary “Class B” Wine Beverage License from Garden of Eden Preservation Society for February 6-7 2026; seconded by Jean Seely. Ayes -6, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Motion by Jean Seely to approve Application for Temporary Operator’s License from Tom Sherwin for February 6-7, 2026; seconded by Rob Grover. Ayes – 6, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Motion by Jesse Swing to approve carrying over vacation for employees listed on Flexible Time Off Activity Summary to be used by December 31, 2026; seconded by Ryker Todd. Ayes -6, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Motion by Jesse Swing approve Accounts Payable and Manual Checks for General: \$77,817.57, Sewer: \$10,851.80, Water \$4,583.13; Library \$4,144.83; Total \$97,397.33; seconded by Dave Carlson Vote: Carlson-yes; Grover-yes, Larson-yes, Seely-yes, Swing-yes, Todd-yes. Motion carried.

Correspondence and other reports submitted included:

December budget comparison detail for General, Sewer and Water funds

2025 Tax Roll Mill Rate Input Sheet

Galesville Area Chamber of Commerce minutes, November 12, 2025

G-E-T Youth Sports Club Newsletter, January 2, 2026

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

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Jennifer Hess  
City Clerk/Treasurer