

CITY OF GALESVILLE  
PLAN COMMISSON MEETING

September 29, 2025

Mayor Tom Thatcher called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members attending: Joe Nordie (Building inspector), Bob Ristow, Randy Larson, Tom Thatcher, Renee Brenengen, Beth Sveen (6:05), Diane Redsten (6:10)

Members absent: Keith Cook

Others in attendance: Mississippi River Regional Planning Commission (MRRPC): Jack Zabrowski and Kia Kling; Library Director: Laura Oanes; Public: Dave Carlson and John Peterson

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 Renee Brenengen to approve the Plan Commission Meeting minutes from August 19, 2025; seconded by Bob Ristow. Ayes -5, Nays -0, Motion carried.

a) Review and approve the City of Galesville Comprehensive Plan Survey

The review was held and comments were given to MRRPC

- Add in questions about brick and mortar buildings (library, PD, City Hall, Fire Department)
- Add in question about Emergency Services
- Remove Win Projects (Large Utility Scale)
- Remove Mining

After some discussion, a motion was made by Bob Ristow to approve the Comprehensive Plan Survey pending approval of updates. Seconded by Beth Sveen.

Ayes -7, Nays -0, Motion carried.

b) Review and approve the Existing Conditions for Comprehensive Plan 2025-2045

No Action taken.

c) Review and approve Previous Plan Goals for the Comprehensive Plan 2025-2045

- Section 1, item 4 – remove Development of Ridgeview estates
- Section 4, item 6 – Add Brightspeed as a telecommunication provider
- Section 4, item 14 – Remodel/rebuild city building at current location or build a new building at a non-downtown location
- Section 5, item 6 - Remove Phoneco museum, it is no longer a museum
- Section 9, Items 4 and 5 – remove, areas are owned by City of Galesville

MRRPC will be updating the Plan Goals to be less engineering like and making changes above. This document will be coming back to Plan Commission for Review.

d) Review temporary keeping of Goats

Mr. Peterson spoke about how well the Goats did on his property. His property is hilly, and goes into the wetlands below his house. The options are to either hire goats or get herbicide to clean up the undergrowth and noxious weeds. Discussion involved that a permit will be required and also questions on enforcement. We also discussed where in the city the temporary keeping of goats would be good to control undergrowth and weeds.

A motion to recommend to the council to proceed with allowing goats on a temporary basis and to create a permit application was made by Renee Brenengen, seconded by Randy Larson. 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 1 abstention, Motion carried

Motion by Randy Larson to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Diane Redsten. Ayes -7, Nays -0, Motion carried.