

CITY OF GALESVILLE

COUNCIL MEETING

February 12, 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 (7:02)

Council Absent: None

Others in attendance: Director of Public Works – Todd Peterson; Library Director- Laura Oanes, Police Chief- Paul Evenson, Trempealeau County Times-Madeline Wilcox

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.

There were no public comments

Motion by Randy Larson to approve the Council Meeting minutes from January 8, 2026; seconded by Dave Carlson. Ayes -5, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Motion by Jean Seely to approve the January 2026 Treasurer's Report and Cash Accounts Balance Reports; seconded by Rob Grover. 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, noted there was an attachment the monthly report that was submitted for proposed future improvements to the Community Room.

Todd Peterson, Director of Public Works, had no additional comments.

There were no permits issued by the Building Inspector in January.

Mayor Thatcher reported that the Plan Commission met on January 15, 2026 per the minutes submitted.

Jesse Swing, Chairperson of the Finance & Insurance committee, reported that they met per the minutes submitted. Nine bids were opened for the library roof replacement. Jennifer will review and make sure they are in compliance with requirements and Finance will review and make a recommendation to the council. Changes were made to the Capitalization Policy and will be submitted to council in March.

Jean Seely, member of the Sign Committee, reported that they met per the minutes submitted. The 3 locations for the signs will be Van Vleet property, Welcome Park (dump) and by the shop going toward Ettrick. Once the quit claim deed is completed with Van Vleet the information will be provided to La Crosse Sign to submit permits from the DOT.

Motion by Dave Carlson to adopt Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Up To \$285,897 Sewerage System Revenue Bonds, Series 2026, And Providing for Other Details and Covenants with Respect Thereto, And Approval of Related Financial Assistance Agreement; seconded by Randy Larson. Vote: Carlson-yes; Grover-yes, Larson-yes, Seely-yes, Swing-yes, Todd-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Jean Seely to adopt Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Up To \$1,001,944 Water System Revenue Bonds, Series 2026, And Providing for Other Details and Covenants with Respect Thereto, And Approval of Related Financial Assistance Agreement; seconded by Rob Grover. Vote: Carlson-yes; Grover-yes, Larson-yes, Seely-yes, Swing-yes, Todd-yes. Motion carried.

These are the final portion of the documentation required to obtain the loans from the DNR for the West Side Sewer Water and Street Project.

Motion by Dave Carlson to approve Resolution to accept a Petition for Annexation from Blue Angels Gymnastics Club; seconded by Rob Grover. Vote: Carlson-yes; Grover-yes, Larson-yes, Seely-yes, Swing-yes, Todd-yes. Motion carried.

The request is for vacant land currently in the Town of Gale.

Motion by Jean Seely to adopt Ordinance 13-4-9 Annexation Ordinance – February 12, 2026; seconded by Ryker Todd. Vote: Carlson-yes; Grover-yes, Larson-yes, Seely-yes, Swing-yes, Todd-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Jean Seely to amend Ordinance 7-2-15 Closing Hours; seconded by Randy Larson. Ayes -5, Nays -0, Motion carried. Ryker Todd abstained.

This will allow sales of alcohol beginning at 6 a.m. for grocery store and gas stations.

Motion by Randy Larson to make West side of Fairview Street North of Thompson Avenue no parking; seconded by Jesse Swing. Vote: Carlson-no; Grover-yes, Larson-yes, Seely-yes, Swing-yes, Todd-yes. Motion carried.

The street is narrow and if cars are parked on both sides of the street, it would be difficult for emergency vehicles to access.

Motion by Jesse Swing to approve Application for Street Use Permit from Ram Rods Car Club for July 4, 2026; seconded by Jean Seely. Ayes -5, Nays -0, Motion carried. Ryker Todd abstained.

Motion by Dave Carlson to approve Application for Temporary “Class B” Wine and Temporary Class “B” Beer License from Old Main Cultural Center for March 20, 2026; seconded by Ryker Todd. Ayes -6, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Motion by Jean Seely to approve Application for Temporary Operator’s License from Robert Grover for March 20, 2026; seconded by Ryker Todd. Ayes – 5, Nays -0, Motion carried. Rob Grover abstained

Motion by Jesse Swing approve Accounts Payable and Manual Checks for General: \$662,748.68, Sewer: \$11,219.57, Water \$7,425.05; Capital Project Fund \$354,446.96; ARPA \$2,344.23; Library \$17,824.00; Total \$1,056,008.49; 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:

January budget comparison detail for General, Sewer and Water funds

Summary of Taxes Collected 2025

Galesville Chamber of Commerce minutes, December 10, 2025

Lake Marinuka Protection & Rehabilitation minutes, October 28, 2025

Lake Marinuka Protection & Rehabilitation minutes, November 18, 2025

STCSWC minutes, November 10, 2025

Hilltopper 2025 Weight Report

Receipt of payment of interest on delayed settlement from Trempealeau County Treasurer

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

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