

CITY OF GALESVILLE

COUNCIL MEETING

April 9, 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: Attorney – Bruce Hart, Director of Public Works – Todd Peterson, Clerk/Treasurer – Jennifer Hess, Davy Engineering – Mark Davy, Police Officer- Andrew Dahl, Trempealeau County Times- Madeline Wilcox, Jim Wojciechowski, Osmani Cruz

Aldersperson Ryker Todd 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.

Announcement of closed session under Section 19.85 (1)(G) Wis. Stats.: Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advise concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved, specifically to discuss the filing of a Notice of Claim against the City of Galesville by Andy Parrish. Governing Body members, the municipal attorney and municipal clerk may attend the closed session.

Motion by Rob Grover to approve the Council Meeting minutes from March 12, 2026; seconded by Ryker Todd. Ayes -5, Nays -0, Motion carried. Dave Carlson Abstained

Motion by Dave Carlson to approve the Special Council Meeting minutes from March 24, 2026; seconded by Randy Larson. Ayes -6, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Motion by Jean Seely to approve the March 2026 Treasurer's Report and Cash Accounts Balance Reports; seconded by Ryker Todd. Ayes -6, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Paul Evenson and Laura Oanes were not present at the meeting to discuss anything further on the reports submitted.

Todd Peterson, Director of Public Works, noted that McCabe crews were back to start finalizing the Westside project.

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

Motion by Jean Seely to review bids and consider award for the drainage improvements Campus Court; seconded by Rob Grover. Ayes -6, Nays -0, Motion carried.

There were 6 bids for the project. The low bidder was Gerke Excavating, Inc. at \$212,285.10. The purpose of the project is to mitigate the current flooding issue within Marinuka Estates Subdivision. The existing storm water management system will be supplemented with additional pipe storm sewer while still maintaining the sediment control and retention intended by the original project. The project includes construction of a flood overflow swale between residences at 20166 and 20164 Campus Court and extending through 20127 Hammer Avenue. The swale may be removed from the project with a cost reduction of \$20,124.65 if the (3) landowners do not sign easements. The swale will add another level of protection in case of a severe flood but is not required to make this project effective.

It is recommended to contact all property owners and ask them to sign a temporary construction permit to let residents know what is going on and that the property will be restored. Should notify owners of lot 3 of the

current drainage easement on their property. Notify residents to the North of Hammer Avenue that there will be new construction to improve the drainage but not all issues will be addressed by this project.

Funding for the project will come from the general obligation bond for the West Side Project and the principal forgiveness grant on the West Side Project, which frees up the general obligation capacity to allow the city to pay for the project without additional borrowing.

Motion by Rob Grover to award the Campus Court drainage improvement contract to Gerke Excavating, Inc.; seconded by Ryker Todd. Vote: Carlson-yes; Grover-yes, Larson-yes, Seely-no, Swing-yes, Todd-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Jesse Swing to approve the Application for Street Use Permit from Galesville Lions Club for June 13, 2026; seconded by Jean Seely. Ayes -5, Nays -0, Motion carried. Rob Grover Abstained

Motion by Ryker Todd to approve the Application for Street Use Permit from Galesville Area Chamber of Commerce for Farmer's Market on Wednesday's June thru October and Saturday's May thru October; seconded by Jesse Swing. Ayes -5, Nays -0, Motion carried. Jean Seely abstained

Motion by Jean Seely to amend ordinance 11-2-7 Loud and Unnecessary Noise Prohibited; seconded by Ryker Todd. Vote: Carlson-yes; Grover-yes, Larson-yes, Seely-yes, Swing-yes, Todd-yes. Motion carried.

Discussed social media policy presented and will be reviewed and discussed at a future meeting.

Motion by Jesse Swing approve Accounts Payable and Manual Checks for General: \$110,158.51, Sewer: \$11,426.94, Water \$6,713.50; Capital Project Fund \$91,816.34; Library \$4,850.32; Total \$224,965.61; seconded by Rob Grover Vote: Carlson-yes; Grover-yes, Larson-yes, Seely-yes, Swing-yes, Todd-yes. Motion carried.

Correspondence and other reports submitted included:

March budget comparison detail for General, Sewer and Water funds

Galesville Area Fire Department minutes, December 1, 2025

Southern Trempealeau County Solid Waste Commission minutes, January 12, 2026

Galesville Area Chamber of Commerce minutes, February 11, 2026

Motion by Jesse Swing to convene into closed session under Section 19.85 (1)(G) Wis. Stats.: Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advise concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved, specifically to discuss the filing of a Notice of Claim against the City of Galesville by Andy Parrish. Governing Body members, the municipal attorney and municipal clerk may attend the closed session; seconded by Jean Seely. Vote: Carlson- yes, Grover-yes, Larson-yes, Seely-yes, Swing-yes, Todd-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Jesse Swing to reconvene into open session for purpose of taking action on matters discussed in closed session; seconded by Dave Carlson. Ayes -6, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Motion by Dave Carlson to disallow the notice of injury by Andy Parrish; seconded by Randy Larson. Vote: Carlson-yes; Grover-yes, Larson-yes, Seely-yes, Swing-yes, Todd-yes. Motion carried.

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

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