CITY OF GALESVILLE

COUNCIL MEETING

October 8, 2026

Mayor Tom Thatcher called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Council attending: Bruce Bender, Dave Carlson, Randy Larson, Richard Sacia, Jean Seely, Jesse Swing
Council Absent: none
Others in attendance: Attorney – Bruce Hart, Director of Public Works – Todd Peteson, Interim Chief – Dustin Barton, Library Director – Laura Oanes, Davy Engineering – Michael Davy, Trempealeau County Times – Lucas Riley, Ken Enghusen, Mary Foss, Allan Foss

Jesse Swing 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.

Ken Enghusen asked that the city does something to keep the kids out of the construction area on 11th street.

Motion by Dave Carlson and seconded by Randy Larson to approve the Council Meeting minutes from September 10, 2026. Motion carried 6-0

Motion by Jean Seely and seconded by Bruce Bender to approve the September 2026 Treasurer's Report and Cash Accounts Balance Reports. Motion carried 6-0

Dustin Barton submitted the police report with no further comments

Laura Oanes, Library Director, reported that the Library Board has approved Ethos Green Power Cooperative to install a roof mounted solar system on the library roof. The panels will be mounted on non-penetrative ballasted to avoid any damage to the new roof. Ethos will be contacting the roof membrane manufacture and Xcel Energy to confirm compatibility. The estimated cost before incentives will be $55,860. The entire cost will be covered by grants and incentives.

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

There was (1) permit issued by the Building Inspector

Motion by Dave Carlson and seconded by Richard Sacia to take up item "A" under miscellaneous action items. Motion carried 6-0

Mary Foss, Candidate for Trempealeau County Clerk of Court introduced herself as the current Chief Deputy Clerk of Court since 2024 and has been in the Clerk of Court Office since August of 2022. She believes in servant leadership and customer service inside and outside the office.

Motion by Dave Carlson and seconded by Jean Seely to approve removing the grill from Cance Park. Motion carried 6-0

Motion by Dave Carlson and seconded by Jean Seely to approve making pickleball lines permanent on one tennis court at Cance Park. Motion carried 6-0

Friendly Amendment made by Dave Carlson and seconded by Jean Seely to put permanent lines on both tennis courts. Motion carried 6-0

Dave Carlson, Chairperson of the Streets & Sidewalks Committee reported that they met per the minutes submitted.

Motion by Dave Carlson and seconded by Richard Sacia to have the City Clerk prepare a letter to be sent to the Trempealeau County Sheriff to request removal of their Flock Camera from City of Galesville within 30 days of the receipt of the letter. Vote: Bender-yes, Carlson- yes, Larson-yes, Sacia-yes, Seely-yes, Swing-yes. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Jesse Swing and seconded by Jean to approve site work change order for $14,376.94 from Nelson Diesel & Dozing LLC for storm drain replacement project with funds to come from street outlay. The work must be completed by November 30, 2026. Vote: Bender-yes, Carlson- yes, Larson-yes, Sacia-yes, Seely-yes, Swing-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dave Carlson and seconded by Jesse Swing to refer the Sewer Treatment Service Agreement to the Public Utilities Committee. Motion carried 6-0

The Water Quality Trading projects done to avoid having to add to the waste water treatment plant have been completed. We are waiting on the final approved from the County before making payment to the contractors. The final completion must be done by November 1st when the DNR is to issue the permit. The projects were estimated to cost $318,000 and the final costs are projected to be $302,000. He recommends the remaining funds be transferred to the sewer equipment replacement fund.

The Campus Court Project was completed on August 26, 2026.

Motion by Randy Larson and seconded by Richard Sacia to approve Contractor's Application for Payment No 1 from Gerke Excavating, Inc. for Campus Court. Vote: Bender-yes, Carlson- yes, Larson-yes, Sacia-yes, Seely-yes, Swing-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Jean Seely and seconded by Bruce Bender to approve Certificate of Substantial Completion for Campus Court Drainage Vote: Bender-yes, Carlson- yes, Larson-yes, Sacia-yes, Seely-yes, Swing-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Jesse Swing and seconded by Jean Seely to approve Contractor's Application for Payment No 2 (final) from Gerke Excavating, Inc. for Campus Court. Vote: Bender-yes, Carlson- yes, Larson-yes, Sacia-yes, Seely-yes, Swing-yes. Motion carried.

The project was bid at $334,500 and the final cost is $313,600. There was savings by not building the swale. The residents on Campus Court were sent a Swale and Culvert maintenance letter reminding them of the requirements of them to maintain what the city his installed.

Mike Davy complimented and thanked the neighbors that were affected by the West Side Sewer, Water and Street Project for the patience and understanding. The project went longer than expected but it will be better because of it.

The DNR funding requires that all the unit prices at the end of the project match to what was paid. During construction the project was changed from sod to seed and mulch due to the timing of the project saving $55,000. The largest cost increase was due to additional stabilization of the street. Leaving it over the winter allowing it to freeze and thaw helped with that as well.

Motion by Richard Sacia and seconded by Randy Larson to approve Change Order No 4 for sod to seed and adjust quantities from McCabe Construction, Inc. for West Side Project. Vote: Bender-yes, Carlson- yes, Larson-yes, Sacia-yes, Seely-yes, Swing-yes. Motion carried.

A payment hasn't been made to McCabe since last fall because the project wasn't completed and took to long. Davy has now reconciled and approved the final costs for the project.

Motion by Dave Carlson and seconded by Richard Sacia to approve Contractor's Application for Payment No 5 (final) from McCabe Construction, Inc. for West Side Project. Vote: Bender-yes, Carlson- yes, Larson-yes, Sacia-yes, Seely-yes, Swing-yes. Motion carried.

The engineering budget cost for the project was estimated at $472,000 and finalized at $500,830 due to the project taking 6 months longer than expected and the addition of 2 blocks after the start of the project.

Motion by Jean Seely and seconded by Jesse Swing to approve Amendment #5 To Owner-Engineer Agreement West Side Water, Sewer & Streets. Vote: Bender-yes, Carlson- yes, Larson-yes, Sacia-yes, Seely-yes, Swing-yes. Motion carried.

The financing for this project is coming from 3 sources. DNR clean water fund loan for $285,597 at 2.475% for 20 years. The problem is that the final eligible costs went down to $236,262.60. The DNR safe drinking water loan program loan was approved for $1,001,944 at 2.475% for 20 years. The city made a decision at that time to put in $374,122 from the water fund. We only need to put in $246,902.09 to use up the total amount of the loan. That money will be transferred back to the water fund. That leaves the remainer of the costs reallocated to the general obligation. The city decided to apply the TID redistribution amount of $238,000 and $403,215 from the fund balance to the financing of the project lower the amount of the GO bond debit. A bond was taken out for $1,375,000. When added all together we are about $360,926.79 short. We do have money in the bank to cash flow this but not recommended. Mike recommended that we wait until after the first of the year to make a decision on additional financing to get the funds allocated. Davy is meeting with the DNR to ask to move some of the questionable street costs over to the sewer and water loans.

Motion by Randy Larson and seconded by Bruce Bender to approve the Street Use Permit from Galesville Area Chamber of Commerce for October 25, 2026. Motion carried 6-0

Motion by Richard Sacia and seconded by Dave Carlson to approve the Street Use Permit from Zion Lutheran Church for October 31, 2026. Motion carried 6-0

Motion by Jean Seely and seconded by Jesse Swing to approve resolution to Initiate the Budget Process. Vote: Bender-yes, Carlson- yes, Larson-yes, Sacia-yes, Seely-yes, Swing-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Jesse Swing and seconded by Richard Sacia to Approve Accounts Payable and Manual Checks for General: $50,175.69 Sewer: $26,112.28, Water $8,061.10, Capital Project Fund $22,913.09, Library $4,279.19; Total $111,541.35. Vote: Bender-yes, Carlson- yes, Larson-yes, Seely-yes, Swing-yes. Motion carried.

FUTURE MEETINGS:

a. Committee of the Whole 5:00 October 12th
b. Plan Commission 5:00 October 13th
c. Finance & Insurance 6:00 November 10th
d. Council 7:00 November 12th
e. Budget Hearing 7:30 November 12th

Correspondence and other reports submitted included:
September budget comparison detail for General, Sewer and Water funds
Galesville Area Fire Department minutes, June 1, 2026
Galesville Chamber of Commerce minutes, August 12, 2026

Motion by Jesse Swing and seconded by Bruce Bender to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 6-0

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Jennifer Hess
City Clerk/Treasurer