

CITY OF GALESVILLE

COUNCIL MEETING

July 9, 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: Director of Public Works – Todd Peterson, Trempealeau County Times-Andrew Dannehy, Mike Davy, Kent Johnson, Richard L Sacia, Corey Feyen, Kyle Canar, Jake Halama, Michele Butler and Cary Brommerich

Bruce Bender 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.

Corey Feyen spoke during public comments about awarding the Halama water quality trading project.

Motion by Richard Sacia and seconded by Jean Seely to approve the Council Meeting minutes from June 16, 2026. Motion carried 5-0, Dave Carlson Abstained

Motion by Dave Carlson and seconded by Bruce Bender to approve the Special Council Meeting minutes from June 22, 2026. Motion carried 6-0

Motion by Jesse Swing and seconded by Randy Larson to approve the June 2026 Treasurer's Report and Cash Accounts Balance Reports. Motion carried 6-0

Paul Evenson, Police Chief, was not in attendance for any additional comments on the report that was submitted.

Laura Oanes, Library Director, was not present at the meeting and no report submitted.

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

There were (3) permits issued by the Building Inspector.

Jean Seely, Chairperson of the Police, Fire & Personnel Committee, reported that they met per the minutes submitted.

Motion by Jean Seely and seconded by Jesse Swing to approve reallocation of \$4,605 from police training budget to police equipment for the purchase of patrol rifles. Vote: Bender-yes, Carlson- yes, Larson-yes, Sacia-yes, Swing-yes. Motion carried.

Jesse Swing, Chairperson of the Finance & Insurance committee, reported that they met per the minutes submitted. No action to be taken.

Motion by Dave Carlson and seconded by Jesse Swing to authorize the Trempealeau County Department of Land Management to award a unit price construction contract for the Halama WQT Project with the total cost to be reimbursed by the Galesville Sewer Utility. Vote: Bender-yes, Carlson- yes, Larson-yes, Sacia-yes, Swing-yes. Motion carried.

Mike Davy went over how the city became involved in the water quality trading program and how dealing with Phosphorus is very difficult and expensive. There are not many options available to the city which is why we partnered with the county. They work with more land owners and can facilitate the projects per their standards with the city paying for the project through the sewer revenue.

Motion by Jesse Swing and seconded by Randy Larson to approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion from McCabe Construction, Inc. for the West Side Sewer, Water and Streets Project. Motion carried 6-0

The project turned out well even with the delays due to the weather and instability of the ground. It was beneficial for the roads to freeze and thaw, saving a lot of extra work and materials to stabilize the streets. As of June 15th, the contractor was done with the project other than items on the punch list. This begins the 1-year warranty period. The contractor would be responsible for coming back to take care of any deficiencies in workmanship or materials that are discovered.

They are working on finalizing the last pay estimate in a month and ready to close the project.

Michele Butler, Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau School District Administrator, and Cary Brommerich, Business Manager, went over the proposed referendum on the ballot on August 11th not to exceed \$44,755,000. The projects will focus on safety & accessibility, repairing and replacing aging structures and expanding classrooms and support spaces. If approved, there would be an estimated increase of \$8 per month over the current tax rate for every \$100,000 worth of property value. There will be three community days offered at different locations to talk about concerns and tour facilities affected.

Guest Speaker Ken Johnson, Candidate for Trempealeau County Sheriff, wants to focus on leadership, increase the unified response to active threat response and ethical standards if elected.

Motion by Jean Seely and seconded by Richard Sacia to approve the assessing, consulting and appraisal contract with Hart Appraisals from 2027-2030. Vote: Bender-yes, Carlson- yes, Larson-yes, Sacia-yes, Swing-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Randy Larson and seconded by Jean Seely to approve ordinance amending 2-2-10(b) Regular Meetings of the Common Council, reflecting the new meeting day of the month and an effective date of May 2027. Vote: Bender-yes, Carlson- yes, Larson-yes, Sacia-yes, Swing-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Jesse Swing and seconded by Randy Larson to Approve Accounts Payable and Manual Checks for General: \$66,157.54 Sewer: \$15,013.53, Water \$7,143.21, Library \$6,516.61; Total \$94,830.89. Vote: Bender-yes, Carlson- yes, Larson-yes, Sacia-yes, Swing-yes. Motion carried.

FUTURE MEETINGS:

- a. Plan Commission 6:00 July 21, 2026
- b. Police, Fire & Personnel 5:30 July 22, 2026
- c. Council 7:00 August 13, 2026

Correspondence and other reports submitted included:

June budget comparison detail for General, Sewer and Water funds

Board of Review minutes, June 8, 2026

Galesville Chamber of Commerce minutes, May 13, 2026

Motion by Jean Seely and seconded by Jesse Swing to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 6-0

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Jennifer Hess
City Clerk/Treasurer