

CITY OF GALESVILLE

COUNCIL MEETING

May 14, 2026

Mayor Tom Thatcher called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Council attending: Dave Carlson, Randy Larson, Richard Sacia, Jean Seely, Jesse Swing

Council Absent: Rob Grover

Others in attendance: Library Director- Laura Oanes, Police Chief- Paul Evenson, Trempealeau County Times-Madeline Wilcox, Keith Hilton, Dan Truax, Bruce Reedy and Bruce Bender

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 Jean Seely and seconded by Randy Larson to approve the Council Meeting minutes from April 9, 2026. Motion carried 5-0

Motion by Jesse Swing and seconded by Jean Seely to approve the Organizational Meeting minutes from April 21, 2026. Motion carried 5-0

Motion by Dave Carlson and seconded by Jean Seely to approve the Special Council Meeting minutes from April 23, 2026. Motion carried 5-0

Motion by Richard Sacia and seconded by Randy Larson to approve the Organizational Meeting minutes from April 28, 2026. Motion carried 5-0

Motion by Jean Seely and seconded by Jesse Swing to approve the April 2026 Treasurer's Report and Cash Accounts Balance Reports. Motion carried 5-0

Paul Evenson, Police Chief, had no additional comments to the monthly report that was submitted.

Laura Oanes, Library Director, presented a handout provided by the Winding Rivers Library System in regards to energy savings at the library by making a transition to energy efficiency and reducing costs. There is a Solar Library Grant available to only the WRLS member libraries due to the generous donation of an anonymous doner. These funds are available to cover up to 40% of the costs of the project.

Todd Peterson, Director of Public Works, was not in attendance for any additional comments.

Mayor Thatcher, Chairperson of the Plan Commission, reported that they met per the minutes submitted.

Motion by Jesse Swing and seconded by Jean Seely to approve the Conditional Use Permit for James & Amy Schuman at 16765 S 7th St and a kennel license. Motion carried 5-0

Motion by Jesse Swing and seconded by Randy Larson to approve the final design of the city sign. Motion carried 5-0

Motion by Randy Larson and seconded by Richard Sacia to accept donation of a portion of parcel 231-00418-0000 from the Van Vleet Trust. Vote: Carlson-yes, Larson-yes, Sacia-yes, Seely-yes, Swing-yes. Motion carried 5-0

Motion by Dave Carlson and seconded by Jean Seely to approve (3) Outdoor Sign Installation Applications and Permits for city signs. Motion carried 5-0

Richard Sacia, Chairperson of the Public Utilities Committee, reported that they met per the minutes submitted.

Motion by Richard Sacia and seconded by Dave Carlson to approve a 4-year agreement with Hydrocorp for cross-connection control program. Vote: Carlson-yes, Larson-yes, Sacia-yes, Seely-yes, Swing-yes. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Jesse Swing and seconded by Randy Larson to approve request from Galesville Lions Club for entertainment sponsorship in the amount of \$500; Vote: Carlson- yes, Larson-yes, Sacia-yes, Seely-yes, Swing-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Jesse Swing and seconded by Jean Seely to approve proposal from Kish & Sons Electric, Inc. for \$1,300 library improvements. Vote: Carlson- yes, Larson-yes, Sacia-yes, Seely-yes, Swing-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dave Carlson and seconded by Randy Larson to approve the mayoral appointment of Bruce Bender to complete the term ending April 19, 2027 for Ward 1. Motion carried 5-0

Bruce Bender joined the meeting at 7:23 pm

Motion by Jesse Swing and seconded by Richard Sacia to approve the mayoral appointment changes to committees and commissions due to resignation. Motion carried 6-0

Dan Truax, President of Lake Marinuka Protection & Rehabilitation District and Bruce Reedy Treasurer updated the council on the dredging project. The goal is to get the majority of the lake to 6 feet deep. The funding goal is 7.2 million dollars based on estimates. There will be no increase through taxes until half the money is raised. They will be working with the city to get an agreement for the old dredge site from 1982 and advertising possibilities in the city at the boat landing and gazebo overlooking the lake.

Motion by Jesse Swing and seconded by Randy Larson to approve the driveway permit appeal from Keith Hilton 16773 S 7th St. Motion carried 5-0, Sacia abstained

Motion by Dave Carlson and seconded by Randy Larson to approve the driveway permit appeal from Leah Geis 20525 W Gale Ave. Vote: Bender-no, Carlson- yes, Larson-yes, Sacia-no, Seely-no, Swing-yes. Mayor Thatcher broke the tie with a no. The final vote being 3 ayes and 4 nays, the motion failed.

Motion by Dave Carlson and seconded by Jesse Swing to approve the Application for Street Use Permit from Trempealeau County Sherrif's Department for June 2-3, 2026 for Mill Rd from E Gibson to E Gale Ave. Motion carried 6-0

Motion by Jesse Swing and seconded by Richard Sacia to approve Temporary Alcohol Beverage Licenses from Old Main Cultural Center for May 24, June 27, July 25, August 22, September 19 and October 16-18, 2026. Motion carried 5-0, Bender Abstained

Motion by Jean Seely and seconded by Randy Larson to approve Applications for Temporary Operator's Licenses from Diane Thatcher, Theresa Nelson, Chris Heighway, Bruce Bender and Thomas Thatcher. Motion carried 5-0, Bender abstained

Motion by Dave Carlson and seconded by Jean Seely to adopt the Transportation Resolution to support municipal long-term, sustainable funding solution to the state's Transportation Fund. Vote: Bender-yes, Carlson- yes, Larson-yes, Sacia-yes, Seely-yes, Swing-yes. Motion carried.

The kayak kiosk has been removed from the Lake Marinuka landing due to relocation of the business out of state.

Motion by Jesse Swing and seconded by Dave Carlson to Approve Accounts Payable and Manual Checks for General: \$158,392.99 Sewer: \$152,320.84, Water \$66,257.85, Capital Project Fund \$13,606.46; Library \$32,943.09; Total \$423,521.23. Vote: Bender-yes, Carlson- yes, Larson-yes, Sacia-yes, Seely-yes, Swing-yes. Motion carried.

Correspondence and other reports submitted included:

April budget comparison detail for General, Sewer and Water funds

Galesville Cemetery Association minutes, July 22, 2025

Lake Marinuka Protection & Rehabilitation District minutes, October 28, 2025 and December 16, 2025

Galesville Chamber of Commerce minutes, March 11, 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