

CITY OF GALESVILLE
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

September 18, 2025

Mayor Tom Thatcher called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Council attending: Dave Carlson, Rob Grover, Randy Larson, Jean Seely, Ryker Todd

Council Absent: Jesse Swing

Others in attendance: Police Chief- Paul Evenson, Public Works Director – Todd Peterson, Trempealeau County Times-Zach Rastall, Davy Engineering - James Maloney, Davy Engineering – David Shimek , Bluff View Bank - Joe Thesing, Mary Iverson, Brianna Iverson, , Diane Thatcher,

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.

Motion by Dave Carlson to approve the Regular Council Meeting minutes from August 14, 2025 with changes; seconded by Jean Seely. Ayes -5, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Motion by Jean Seely to approve the August 2025 Treasurer's Report and Cash Accounts Balance Reports; seconded by Ryker Todd. Ayes -5, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Mary Iverson asked the council not to cut down the maple tree in the boulevard near her home where construction is taking place.

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

Laura Oanes, Library Director, was not in attendance so no additional comments on the monthly report that was submitted.

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

Tom Thatcher, chairperson of the Plan Commission, reported that they met per the minutes submitted.

The Presbyterian Church provided a Certified Survey Map (CSM) to lot off the house in order to sell it.

Motion by Dave Carlson to approve the CSM from Presbyterian Church for 16870 S 5th St. parcel number 231-00146-0000; seconded by Rob Grover. Vote: Carlson-yes, Grover-yes, Larson-yes, Seely-yes, Todd-yes. Motion carried.

Jean Seely, member of the Finance & Insurance committee, reported that they met per the minutes submitted. No actions to be taken.

The Park Commission met on August 11, 2025 and recommend to the council revisions to Ordinance 12-1-6 Reservation of Park Space.

The changes include removing the exclusive reservation of a park shelter, removing the approval required by the Park Commission and changed the reservation fee and deposit to \$50 for everyone.

Motion by Rob Grover to amend Ordinance 12-1-6(b)(d)(e) Reservation of Park Space; seconded by Ryker Todd. Vote: Carlson-yes, Grover-yes, Larson-yes, Seely-yes, Todd-yes. Motion carried.

Jim Mahoney presented Change Order No. 2 5th Street Watermain Replacement for West Side Sewer, Water & Street Project. The city plans showed the watermain on 5th street as 6" and upon excavation they discovered they are actually 4". The purpose of the entire project is to replace undersized watermains, these must be replaced with the street surface being reconstructed. The plans have been prepared and submitted to the DNR

for approval. This will at \$25,659 to the project with a nominal increase in engineering fees for plan and other preparation of the change order. The DNR appears receptive to including the extra work in the SDWLP financing. That will cover the watermain cost and part of the street cost.

This increase will put the Total Estimated Project Cost at \$1,756,860 still under the \$1,816,880 budget, but reducing remaining contingencies to about \$60,000.

Motion by Dave Carlson to approve Change Order No. 2, 5th Street Watermain Replacement for the West Side Sewer, Water & Street Project for \$25,659; seconded by Ryker Todd. Vote: Carlson-yes, Grover-yes, Larson-yes, Seely-yes, Todd-yes. Motion carried.

The loans for the Safe Drinking Water and the Clean Water fund will likely not be processed in time to start paying the invoices for the project so we reached out to Bluff View Bank and Co-Op Credit Union for a quote a General Obligation Promissory Note for \$1,310,000. Bluff View Bank proposed 4.95% and Co-Op Credit Union proposed 5.79%. The note will mature on October 1, 2027 with unlimited withdrawals. Interest will be payable on October 1, 2026. The loan proceeds should be distributed in 2026 to cover the loan so we will not have to levy for the borrowing.

Motion by Dave Carlson to approve Resolution awarding the sale of \$1,310,000 General Obligation Promissory Note Series 2025B to provide interim financing for West Side Sewer, Water & Streets Project to Bluff View Bank; seconded by Jean Seely. Vote: Carlson-yes, Grover-yes, Larson-yes, Seely-yes, Todd-yes. Motion carried.

Diane Thatcher, President of Old Main, presented the 25-year lease that was established in 2000 between the city and the Garden of Eden Preservation Society, Inc. They would like to renew the lease for another 25 years and include lawn mowing and snow removal by the city.

The attorney reviewed the lease and presented recommendations. The council reviewed each recommendation and made revisions to the lease. A final draft will be presented in October.

Motion by Dave Carlson to approve the Old Main lease with the changes discussed; seconded by Ryker Todd. Vote: Carlson-yes, Grover-yes, Larson-yes, Seely-yes, Todd-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Jean Seely to approve the Application for Street Use Permits from Galesville Area Chamber of Commerce for Wednesdays and Saturdays from October 1 to October 29, 2025; seconded by Rob Grover. Ayes -5, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Motion by Dave Carlson to approve Revised Application for Street Use Permit from G-E-T High School for September 26, 2025; seconded by Randy Larson. Ayes -5, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Motion by Ryker Todd to approve applying for a 3% Simplified Rate Increase for the water utility through the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin; seconded by Randy Larson. Vote: Carlson-yes, Grover-yes, Larson-yes, Seely-yes, Todd-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Jean Seely approve Accounts Payable and Manual Checks for General: \$102,490.42, Sewer: \$7,561.80, Water \$6,862.92, Capital Project Fund \$31,249.48, Library \$2,617.46; Total \$150,782.08; seconded by Rob Grover. Vote: Carlson-yes, Grover-yes, Larson-yes, Seely-yes, Todd-yes. Motion carried.

Correspondence and other reports submitted included:

August budget comparison detail for General, Sewer and Water funds

Board of Appeals minutes, August 22, 2025

Galesville Area Chamber of Commerce minutes, July 9, 2025

Galesville Summer Lunch Program review

Marinuka Manor & Eden House audit December 2023 & 2024

Motion by Dave Carlson to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Rob Grover. Ayes -5, Nays -0, Motion carried.

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Jennifer Hess
City Clerk/Treasurer