

CITY OF GALVA            )  
COUNTY OF HENRY       ) SS  
STATE OF ILLINOIS       )

The City Council of the City of Galva met in regular session Monday February 3, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. with Debbie VanWassenhove serving as City Clerk. Mayor Rich Volkert presided with the following Aldermen in attendance: Jim Hartman, Jayme Hopping, Jeff Olson, Jackie Clucas, and Rick Otterstrom. Alderman Anderson was noted as being absent.

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

Alderman Olson made a motion and was seconded to approve the January 06, 2025 council meeting minutes. The vote was 5 yeas and no nays.

BILLS AND CLAIMS

Alderman Hartman moved and was seconded that the bills and claims be approved as presented and the City Clerk is instructed to issue orders on the Treasurer’s account for the several amounts. The vote was 5 yeas and no nays.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Volkert reported that the City had received: State of IL: November Sales Tax \$25,373.78, Personal Property Replacement Tax December \$9,558.67, Video Gaming Tax December \$2,947.00, Telecommunications Tax November \$1,524.10, Cannabis Tax December \$347.67, Income Tax December \$45,136.84, State Use November \$4,576.07, MFT December \$9,275.08.

First on the agenda was a Proclamation honoring Scott Caravello. Mayor Volkert read the proclamation which honored Mr. Caravello for his 32 years owning and operating the Galva Pharmacy along with all that he has done for the Galva community over the years. After the proclamation was read Mr. Caravello received a standing ovation from all present at the meeting. Mr. Caravello thanked everyone and stated that this community is wonderful. He then asked everyone to remember to support small businesses.

Next on the agenda was **Ordinance 1660: An Ordinance Implementing a Municipal Grocery Retailers’ Occupation Tax and a Municipal Grocery Service Occupation Tax.** David Dyer stated that this is the ordinance he had talked about at the last meeting. The State is requiring us to pass an ordinance in order to be able to keep our 1% grocery tax and not take a hit to our budget. Alderman Hopping made a motion and was seconded to pass the ordinance. The vote was 5 yeas and no nays.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dustin Williams asked what the status was of the old Lord’s Chevy building that was not demolished. David Dyer replied that it has to go through a process before we can sell the building. First the City will have a plat of survey done, then it will have to be appraised, after that we will advertise for a request for proposals, and finally if we receive proposals they will be opened and the council will make the final decision based off of the details of the proposals. He also stated that we cannot sell for less than 80% of the appraised value. He then mentioned that the quote to demolish all of the buildings was \$43,000 but we will pay less than that since we were able to save one building. John Wirth then asked if we had asked for bids on the demolition and David replied that we did not have to since it was less than the threshold of \$50,000.

Next on the agenda were the Department Head Reports. Greg Thompson had nothing at this time. Kraig Townsend introduced our newest full-time officer, Luke Queen, to the council. Luke thanked everyone for the opportunity and stated that he loves working in Galva so far. Chief Townsend then stated that we have received part of the product for the taser grant, but still waiting on the rest. He also mentioned that he usually waits until spring for the city ordinance violation letters, however, he has been getting a lot of complaints recently so they will be starting early this year. Richard Plummer was not present so Mayor Volkert stated for him that they will be doing another cleanup week in the spring/early summer, no date is set yet, and probably another in the fall again as well.

Next on the agenda were the Aldermen’s Reports. Jim Hartman stated that the pot holes on North Center Ave need filled. Jeff Olson thanked Scott Carevello and his family; he stated that Scott has been a great supporter of the Scouts as well. Jackie Clucas seconded what Alderman Olson stated.

City Administrator’s Report

David Dyer added his thanks and congratulations to Scott and his family as well. He then told Mr. Caravello and the council that he heard back from RXRO and they cannot open a pharmacy in Galva, the prescription costs are more than what he can make back. David then urged everyone to talk to their legislators about these rising prescription costs.

Mayor Volkert thanked Melissa Halsall and the Freedom Fest committee for their fundraising efforts, they just had their soup and chili supper last night. He then thanked Scott and his family as well.

After no further discussion Alderman Hartman made a motion and was seconded to adjourn. The vote was 5 yeas and no nays.

MAYOR \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk.

