

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

The City Council of the City of Galva met in regular session Monday April 22, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. with Debbie VanWassenhove serving as City Clerk. Mayor Rich Volkert presided with the following Aldermen in attendance: Jim Hartman, Jackie Clucas, Jeff Olson, Doug Anderson, and Rick Otterstrom. Alderman Hopping 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 March 25, 2024 council meeting minutes. The vote was 5 yeas and no nays.

BILLS AND CLAIMS

Alderman Otterstrom 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: March Personal Property Replacement tax \$6,977.78, February Sales tax \$22,582.28, and March MFT \$8,071.91

First on the agenda was Opening Bids for the 2nd Ave lot. This was for 118 SE 2nd Ave. Mayor Volkert stated that we had 1 bid turned in, he opened the bid and it was from Kevin Robinson in the amount of \$2,500. Alderman Hartman made a motion and was seconded to approve the bid. The vote was 5 yeas and no nays.

Next on the agenda was Amending Parking Ordinance 1653. After much discussion on the ordinance and its definitions between the council and members of the audience the following items were amended at this time; in section 1: Definitions, letter A, they changed the language to “any vehicle that has not been moved or used for 14 consecutive days” instead of 7. Alderman Clucas made a motion for this amendment and was seconded; the vote was 5 yeas and no nays. Also in section 1, the definition of Derelict Vehicle was amended to state “left unattended without justification on the owner’s land for 14 consecutive days or more”. Alderman Olson made the motion for this amendment and was seconded. The vote was 5 yeas and no nays. Alderman Olson also made a motion and was seconded to change the language from parcel number to addressable residential lot. The vote was 5 yeas and no nays. Lastly, Alderman Anderson made a motion and was seconded to change the weight limit for a Utility Trailer from 1,500 pounds to 6,000 pounds. The vote was 5 yeas and no nays. There was also a lot of discussion on the definition of public view but no decision was made on that definition at this time. After much discussion Alderman Olson made a motion to table the rest of the

amendments until the May council meeting and was seconded. The vote was 5 yeas and no nays.

Next on the agenda was the Arbor Day Proclamation. Mayor Volkert read the proclamation and declared April 26, 2024 as Arbor Day in the City of Galva.

PUBLIC COMMENT

David Trigg asked what the city was waiting on to fix the slide at Wiley Park. David Dyer replied that Richard Plummer is not here to answer this, but they had a meeting with a grant writer and we will be submitting a grant to be able to replace all of the equipment, grants do take time, but with the grant and money from the solar arrays we are hoping to have it replaced as soon as possible. Chief Townsend also stated that he met with Richard and they took a lot of pictures of all of the damage and Richard has contacted a gentleman who does plastic welding and he is hoping to have him come and repair it while we wait on the money for replacing the equipment. Dustin Williams then stated that he was present last meeting when they were discussing putting a new long lasting sport flooring over the basketball court in Wiley and he is concerned about putting it over the existing black top which is bad. David Trigg also brought up a concern that that type of flooring is rough and can cut kids easily. Olof Collinson was concerned about it cracking if someone decided to drive over it. David Dyer stated that they are not doing Wiley Park right now, they are going to experiment with putting the pickleball court at Washington Park first before they decide about Wiley. Alderman Otterstrom suggested just taking the slide down in Wiley Park and David replied that we are going to try the plastic welding first but if that does not work it will need to be removed. John Wirth then asked about the city clean up week. Mayor Volkert stated that it is usually the week after Father's Day. Mr. Wirth then stated that he and Josh Smith are willing to help with the pick up and hauling. Alderman Clucas stated that she is hoping to have one in June and one in October this year. John Wirth then stated that he brought fliers in for the cruise ins that he has been talking about and some in for the county wide one as well. Dustin Williams then asked about the old Lord's Chevy building and stated that the roof is falling in. David Dyer replied that it is scheduled to be demolished.

Next on the agenda were the Department Head Reports. Greg Thompson stated that well 4 is about 3-4 weeks out to get fixed, they are building an adaptor for the pump. He also stated that the lead inventory was completed and turned in on April 15th and more information will be coming out to the public later. He is also holding off on flushing hydrants for now since we only have one well online. They had a water main break on Saturday and that was a lot on the system, there is a boil order in effect for those on that line but he is hoping to have that lifted tomorrow. Mayor Volkert stated that everyone effected by this was informed. Chief Townsend stated that Officer Ingle is leaving us and going to Stark County but Officer Gregg Rice has accepted a full-time position with us. He then introduced Officer Rice to the council.

Next on the agenda were the Aldermen's Reports. Alderman Clucas stated that clean up weeks will be in June and October this year. Alderman Anderson stated that Aaron Kewish showed him the progress on his new building and it looks very nice, he has put a lot of time, money, and work into it and it shows.

City Administrator's Report

David Dyer had nothing at this time.

Mayor Volkert stated that he was in Springfield and it sounds like Midland Road is set to be repaired this summer.

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

MAYOR _____

ATTEST: _____

City Clerk.