

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

The City Council of the City of Galva met in regular session Monday August 26, 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, Jayme Hopping, Jeff Olson, Jackie Clucas, Doug Anderson, and Rick Otterstrom.

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

Alderman Olson made a motion and was seconded to approve the July 22, 2024 council meeting minutes. The vote was 6 yeas and no nays.

BILLS AND CLAIMS

Alderman Hopping 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 6 yeas and no nays.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Volkert reported that the City had received: State of IL: June Sales tax \$25,945.55, July Personal Property Replacement tax \$2,815.36, July MFT \$9,374.11, July Cannabis tax \$326.75, June Telecommunications tax \$1,547.42, July Income tax \$27,537.17, June State Use tax \$7,183.27 July Video Gaming tax \$2,738.73

Mayor Volkert stated that we now have \$170,000 in the fire truck savings fund, still a ways away from being able to buy a new truck but its getting there. David then went over tax income figures and stated that we are down a total of \$10,106 from where we were last year at this time. He then went over each fund stating which ones were up and which were down.

First on the agenda was Recognition of Denny Tarleton. Mr. Tarleton started at Tarleton’s Service in 1986 and is now getting ready for his retirement. Mayor Volkert stated that he spent 33 years on the fire department with Denny, he and his family have spent a lot of time helping the city and he can’t think of anyone who has done as much without wanting any recognition. He appreciates all that Denny has done over the years and all of the council members agreed. Mayor Volkert then presented Denny with a card and everyone had nice stories to tell about him.

Next on the agenda was Discussion: Amendment to Water Ordinance Penalties. Clerk VanWassenhove explained that the water department has been having to put 40-50 door tags out for residents each month who are delinquent on their water bills and do not contact the office to make arrangements. She explained that around 80% of them are repeats that we have to tag every time. It is a very time-consuming process to get these tags out every month, it is costing the city a lot of time and money, and we want to

discourage residents from using the tags as an extension and encourage them to call us and make arrangements instead. She proposed adding a penalty for the door tags of \$20-\$25. After some discussion Alderman Olson suggested a \$75 fee for the tags. Dustin Williams asked if the council thought this was a good idea in this economy where people are already struggling and Clerk VanWassenhove stated that if someone has to be late on their bill all they have to do is call and make arrangements and they would never have to get a door tag and would avoid this fee all together. After some more discussion on this Alderman Anderson stated that he would like to have more time to think about it and asked to talk about it again at the next meeting. Everyone agreed.

Next on the agenda was Discussion: Change the Regularly Scheduled Council Meeting date. Mayor Volkert explained that our city attorney, Zac Lessard, is no longer available the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month and we would like to move our meetings to either the 1<sup>st</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday instead. After some discussion Alderman Anderson made a motion and was seconded to move our council meetings to the first Monday of each month instead of the 4<sup>th</sup>. The vote was 6 yeas and no nays. Zac thanked everyone for their flexibility on this.

Next on the agenda was **Ordinance 1657: Adoption of the 2024 Building Code**. David Dyer said that the state of Illinois wants us to update the code that we are using. Alderman Anderson made a motion and was seconded to pass the ordinance. The vote was 6 yeas and no nays. He then noticed that the ordinance stated electric on it so he rescinded his motion and was seconded, that vote was 6 yeas and no nays. David explained that this is for the building code and the electric code will be updated later. Alderman Anderson made another motion to pass the 2024 building code and was seconded. The vote for that was 6 yeas and no nays.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Rod White thanked the city crew for a great job on the roadwork around town! Carol Townsend asked when Stark County Ambulance would be in for their presentation, they were on the agenda for June but weren't there and have not been back since. David explained that they were going to be coming in to explain an increase in rates but as of right now they have not raised them yet, he is unsure when they will be in. Diana Whitney stated that the railroad tracks by Shop n Go are very nice now! Greg Thompson stated that at the Exchange St crossing there are no sewer inlets on the curb. He is working with Brandt Construction on that. He also mentioned that we might have to help clean pipes out after they are done. He also had them move the crossing arm base because it was on the water line. Mayor Volkert asked if he wanted to go ahead and give his department head report since he had the floor. Greg stated that he did not have much, they are working on little projects right now. He is hoping to start on the trailer court water main soon.

Next on the agenda were the Department Head Reports. Chief Townsend stated that there has been more furniture put out onto the curbs lately and wanted to remind everyone that

large item pickups are the first Wednesday of each month & asked for residents to wait until then to put there items out. You do have to have a sticker for the pick up as well. Richard Plummer asked the council if they are still wanting to do a second clean up week this year. Aldermen Anderson and Clucas both replied yes and asked if the first week of October would work? Richard replied that would be fine. He then stated that they will not be doing any backyard pickups, but we can do a one-time pickup (items must be on the terrace) for residents that have no way to get their items to the maintenance yard. Pick ups will only be on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday this time. He then went over the rest of the regulations. Mayor Volkert added that on August 31 at the Rock Island fair grounds they will be having a hazardous material pickup day and you can take poisons, paint, etc. there that day. He then stated that he had two separate phone calls wanting to thank Richard Plummer for going up to Wiley Park on the day of the car show to help with some electrical issues they were having. David Dyer added that he spoke with Don Collinson about those issues and he is going to run more circuits and wire out there to help resolve the issues.

Next on the agenda were the Aldermen's Reports. Alderman Anderosn stated that the streets look great and that he appreciates the help out at the Park District.

Mayor Volkert announced that the deadline to get tree orders in for the Henry County Soil and Water program is September 10.

#### City Administrator's Report

David Dyer stated that he spoke to Jane Doss and she donated another \$30,000 for the park to add handicap access for wheelchairs with the stipulation that the work needs to be done by Courtwright. Alderman Clucas asked if we had a new hire and Greg Thompson stated that we hired Andrew Lang to replace Dane Anderson on the water department. This is now his second week in and he is doing great so far.

Alderman Olson made a motion and was seconded to go into executive session. The vote was 6 yeas and no nays.

SEE ATTACHED

Alderman Clucas made a motion and was seconded to come out of executive session. The vote was 6 yeas and no nays.

After no further discussion Alderman Otterstrom made a motion and was seconded to adjourn. The vote was 6 yeas and no nays.

MAYOR \_\_\_\_\_

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

