

City of Galesburg

Regular Council Meeting

Wednesday March 18th 2026 @ 6:30

Call to order: 6:30

Attendance: Mayor – Casey Eggermont Auditor – Kitty Showers

Council – Andy Elliott, Jon Johnson, Justin Wika – absent, Don Barcome – left 7:09

Public – Crissie W, Judd W, Justin H, Katie S, John H, Jim M, Ben G

Additions & Deletions:

February Minutes, Additions & Deletions + Agenda, February/March Bills:

February – Ottertail 596.35, Lake Agassiz 100.00

March – ECRWD 136.76, Traill County Tax Director 1,905.00, Polarcomm 250.42, Casey Eggermont 10.77, Dell 492.64, BND 4,651.83, Office Max 542.76, Brager 1,290.00

Motion to Approve:

Elliott

Barcome 2nd

All

Correspondence / Open Forum:

Jim M – Expresses concern over 104 Dakota Ave and wants to see it cleaned up after getting a flat tire from debris on the roads. Eggermont reports that the mayor can determine if it's an emergency & the city can go in and clean it up. Council agrees that needs to happen but to give landowner 1 week till Wednesday March 25th @ 6:00PM to get it done. Council also feels legal representation is a must and Eggermont is waiting for an estimate.

Justin H – expresses his frustration about the city tree pile by his house and his concern if it's going to be burnt. Eggermont reports the tree pile is scheduled to be chipped by the end of March.

Judd W – asked Barcome to step down & resign from his position as councilmen or he would move forward with a petition to be filed to have him removed. This request comes from past actions of councilmen Barcome burning a pile of city trees from the storm in June 2025. It had been turned in for FEMA dollars & now jeopardizes the city from getting those FEMA dollars. The argument was that he did not have the authority to act as a lone council member. Also the property was not owned by the city and permission from the landowner is in question. Barcome did, however, report that the pile was going to be lit to the fire chief but did not specify that it was the city pile he was lighting and did not schedule on a day that someone was in town to control the fire. Concerns of a property across the street that the fire had jumped to and caught a tree on fire and put chicken in danger from the smoke. There were confrontations with the land own, residents & other council members the day of burning that was addressed that Barcome did not conduct himself in a respectable manner as a city representative.

Old Business:

AE2S – Katie asked for approval for on a change order in the amount of \$141,324.18 to replace everything from the pole forward including generator, transfer switch, cables etc.

Motion to Approve:

Elliott

Johnson 2nd

All

Katie also did an overview of the sewer project for residents that attended the meeting.

Katie reports that a Pre-construction meeting is to take place in the near future & that the Substantial Completion of project to be October 15th 2026 & the Final Completion May 1st 2027

New Business:

B Gates – explained the 2025 Hazard Mitigation Plan and asked for the City of Galesburg to adopt the plan

Motion to approve:

Johnson

Elliott

All

Generator – Elliott reports issues of the pump running backwards but in discussion with the change order taking place it will all be replaced

Lawnmower – Elliot asked to do a full service on the city mower before spring, roughly \$260

Motion to Approve:

Johnson

Elliott 2nd

All

Backflow – Elliott reports the backflow preventor needs certified yearly, a lot of question to be answered about the process.

Auditor Report: Kitty Showers

Park Committee: Casey Eggermont

Pancake Breakfast: April 12th 2026

Council: Residents also would like Barcome to quit acting alone and taking it upon himself to drag the streets in town. They would like the streets to be maintained by the motor grader that is hired by the city to blade the streets. They're also concerned with the stones that are ending up in their yards & the possibility of damage to other properties if their mowers should pick them up while mowing. In addition, the residents would like to see the crown that the blade is trying to establish be left in the streets for proper drainage which is being prevented by the constant dragging.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn: 7:58

Elliott

Johnson 2nd

All