



City of Galena
211 W 7th St.
Galena Kansas 66739



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REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING-09/02/2025

Event Date/Time Sep 2, 2025 6:00 PM Location City Council Chamber 211 W 7th ST, Galena, KS 66739

CALL TO ORDER

Agenda Item

CALL TO ORDER

Minutes

The regular City Council meeting was called to order on Tuesday, September 2, 2025, at 6:00 pm in the Galena City Council Chamber with mayor Ashley Groves presiding.

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ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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Roll call indicated the following council members present: Mr. Oglesby (via telephone), Mr. Cure, Mr. Harding, Mr. LaTurner, Ms. Jackson

Absent: Ms. Reynolds, Ms. Jordan

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REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING 8/18/2025; LIBRARY MEETING 07/15/2025; FIRE DEPARTMENT MEETING MINUTES 08/28/2025

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Moved by Mr. Harding; seconded by Mr. LaTurner to approve and place on file the REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING 8 /18/2025; LIBRARY MEETING 07/15/2025; and the FIRE DEPARTMENT MEETING MINUTES 08/28/2025

APPROPRIATIONS

Agenda Item

AP25-09A: \$77,710.10

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[claimssummaryreport20250828200925.pdf](#)

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Moved by Mr. LaTurner; seconded by Mr. Harding to approve and appropriate the funds to pay AP25-09A in the amount of \$77,710.10.

Ayes: Mr. Oglesby (via telephone), Mr. Cure, Mr. Harding, Mr. LaTurner, Ms. Jackson

Nays:

Absent: Ms. Reynolds, Ms. Jordan

Motion Carries

MAYOR

Agenda Item

CITY ATTORNEY APPOINTMENT

Minutes

Moved by Mr. LaTurner; seconded by Mr. Oglesby to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Mr. Philip Wright to the position of City Attorney.

Ayes: Mr. Oglesby (via telephone), Mr. Cure, Mr. Harding, Mr. LaTurner, Ms. Jackson, Ms. Jordan (via telephone)

Nays:

Absent: Ms. Reynolds

Motion Carries

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RNR AND BUDGET HEARING

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RNR Public Hearing

The mayor opened the floor at 6:04 pm for public comment regarding the RNR proposal.

Members of the general public and council members were given time for questions.

Ms. Jordan is now in attendance via phone at 6:23 pm.

Moved by Mr. LaTurner, seconded by Mr. Oglesby to approve Resolution 25-16, a resolution of the City of Galena, Kansas to levy a property tax rate exceeding the revenue neutral rate.

Roll Call Vote indicated the following:

Ayes: Mr. Oglesby (via telephone), Mr. Cure, Mr. Harding, Mr. LaTurner, Ms. Jackson, Ms. Jordan (via telephone)

Nays:

Absent: Ms. Reynolds

Motion Carries

The Mayor closed the RNR hearing.

Budget Public Hearing

The mayor opened the floor at 6:38 pm for public comment regarding the 2026 Budget proposal.

Members of the general public and council members were given time for questions.



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The Mayor closed the public budget hearing.

Moved by Mr. LaTurner; seconded by Mr. Oglesby to approve the presented 2026 budget with a RNR of 73.163.

Roll call vote indicated the following:

Ayes: Mr. Oglesby (via telephone), Mr. Cure, Mr. Harding, Mr. LaTurner, Ms. Jackson, Ms. Jordan (via telephone)

Nays:

Absent: Ms. Reynolds

Motion Carries

Agenda Item

PUBLIC HEARING SET FOR OCTOBER 6, 2025: to present and discuss alternatives for lead service line replacement improvements.

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Notification to Council members only. No action taken

CITY ATTORNEY

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Agenda Item

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Moved by Mr. LaTurner; seconded by Mr. Harding to call a 10 (ten) minute executive session for consultation with an attorney for the public body or agency which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship; keeping in session the City attorney and all department heads.

Start: 7:04 pm

Ayes: Mr. Oglesby (via telephone), Mr. Cure, Mr. Harding, Mr. LaTurner, Ms. Jackson, Ms. Jordan (via telephone)

Nays:

Absent: Ms. Reynolds

Motion Carries

End: 7:14 pm

Roll call indicated the following council members present: Mr. Oglesby (via telephone), Mr. Cure, Mr. Harding, Mr. LaTurner, Ms. Jackson; Ms. Jordan (via telephone)

Absent: Ms. Reynolds

No Action taken

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819 BARNES ST: TABLED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes

Moved by Mr. LaTurner; seconded by Mr. Harding to table 819 Barnes St. until the next meeting, giving time for the property owner to speak with the Building Inspector and present a plan for repairs.

Ayes: Mr. Oglesby (via telephone), Mr. Cure, Mr. Harding, Mr. LaTurner, Ms. Jackson, Ms. Jordan (via telephone)

Nays:



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Absent: Ms. Reynolds

Motion Carries

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CHRIS BAIRD: PROPERTY DISPUTE ON JEFF JOHNSON PROPERTY AT 819 BARNES ST

Minutes

No action taken.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item

FORT HAYES STATE UNIVERSITY: overnight camping in the Schermerhorn Park area on Friday September 5, 2025. The group is 14 persons. The purpose of the request is to allow for an immersive field experience for my Aquatic Ecology class (BIOL 619). It is an upper division course (juniors, seniors and graduates students). We will be spending 4 days in the field looking at the aquatic organisms and studying their ecology at a number of locations. Unfortunately, high water levels are excluding us from some of our usual locations. We would like to conduct our overnight sampling protocols in Shoal Creek. This involves sampling insects that become part of the flow over a 12 – 15 hour period. Nets are checked every 1.5 to 2 hours so we need to be in a location where students can be close to stream side all night. To be clear we would arrive late afternoon on September 5 – camp and sample overnight and then depart the morning of September 6.

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Moved by Mr. Oglesby; seconded by Ms. Jackson to approve Fort Hayes State University to camp at Schermerhorn park on either Thursday September 4, 2025 or Friday September 5, 2025 pending weather conditions.

Ayes: Mr. Oglesby (via telephone), Mr. Cure, Mr. Harding, Ms. Jackson, Ms. Jordan (via telephone)

Nays: Mr. LaTurner

Absent: Ms. Reynolds

Motion Carries

OLD BUSINESS

Agenda Item

FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

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Moved by Mr. LaTurner; seconded by Ms. Jackson to approve Ordinance 25-04, an ordinance establishing job pay scales.

Ayes: Mr. Oglesby (via telephone), Mr. Cure, Mr. Harding, Mr. LaTurner, Ms. Jackson, Ms. Jordan (via telephone)

Nays:

Absent: Ms. Reynolds

Motion Carries

DEPARTMENT HEADS

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FIRE DEPARTMENT LIEUTENANT APPOINTMENT

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Moved by Mr. LaTurner; seconded by Ms. Jackson to approve and confirm the promotion of Matt Ratliff to the position of Fire Lieutenant.

Ayes: Mr. Oglesby (via telephone), Mr. Cure, Mr. Harding, Mr. LaTurner, Ms. Jackson, Ms. Jordan (via telephone)

Nays:

Absent: Ms. Reynolds

Motion Carries

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FALL CITY WIDE SALES

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Moved by Mr. LaTurner; seconded by Ms. Jackson to approve the Fall City Wide sales date for October 4, 2025.

Ayes: Mr. Oglesby (via telephone), Mr. Cure, Mr. Harding, Mr. LaTurner, Ms. Jackson, Ms. Jordan (via telephone)

Nays:

Absent: Ms. Reynolds

Motion Carries

FINAL BUSINESS

Agenda Item

ADJOURNMENT

Minutes

Moved by Mr. Harding; seconded by Mr. LaTurner to adjourn the regular city council meeting on Tuesday, September 2, 2025.

Ayes: Mr. Oglesby (via telephone), Mr. Cure, Mr. Harding, Mr. LaTurner, Ms. Jackson, Ms. Jordan (via telephone)

Nays:

Absent: Ms. Reynolds

Motion Carries