



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



MINUTES

CITY

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING 05/18/2026

Event Date/Time May 18, 2026 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 Monday, May 18, 2026, at 6:00 pm in the Galena City Council Chamber with Mayor Ashley Groves presiding.

Agenda Item

ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Minutes

Roll call indicated the following council members present: Mr. Oglesby (via phone), Ms. Reynolds, Ms. Flint, Mr. Harding, Mr. LaTurner

Absent: Mr. Cure, Ms. Jackson

Ms. Jackson was in attendance at 6:01 pm.

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Agenda Item

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 5/4/2026

[regularcitycouncilmeeting-05_04_20261.pdf](#)

Minutes

Moved by Mr. LaTurner; seconded by Mr. Harding to approve and place on file the Regular Meeting Minutes of 5/4/2026.

Ayes: Mr. Oglesby (via phone), Ms. Reynolds, Ms. Flint, Mr. Harding, Mr. LaTurner, Ms. Jackson

Nays:

Absent: Mr. Cure

Motion Carries

APPROPRIATIONS

Agenda Item

AP26-05B: \$335,451.83

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[april2026courtreport.pdf](#)

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[claimssummaryreport20260515174421.pdf](#)



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[claimreport20260515174427.pdf](#)

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Moved by Mr. LaTurner; seconded by Mr. Harding to approve and pay AP26-05b in the amount of \$335,451.83.

Ayes: Mr. Oglesby (via phone), Ms. Reynolds, Ms. Flint, Mr. Harding, Mr. LaTurner, Ms. Jackson

Nays:

Absent: Mr. Cure

Motion Carries

MAYOR

Agenda Item

RESIGNATION

[cityofgalena_20260518_115208.pdf](#)

Minutes

Moved by Mr. LaTurner; seconded by Ms. Jackson to approve the resignation of Ward 4 Council Member Larry Cure.

Ayes: Mr. Oglesby (via phone), Ms. Reynolds, Ms. Flint, Mr. Harding, Mr. LaTurner, Ms. Jackson

Nays:

Absent:

Motion Carries

CITY ATTORNEY

Agenda Item

10 MINUTE EXECUTIVE SESSION: for consultation with an attorney for the public body or agency, which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship; PENDING LANDFILL LITIGATION

Minutes

Moved by Ms. Jackson; seconded by Mr. Harding to call a ten (10) minute executive session in accordance with KSA 75-4319 (2) for consultation with an attorney for the public body or agency, which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship; in regard to pending landfill litigation, keeping in session the city council, mayor, city clerk, city superintendent, and city attorney, to return to council chambers.

Ayes: Mr. Oglesby (via phone), Ms. Reynolds, Ms. Flint, Mr. Harding, Mr. LaTurner, Ms. Jackson

Nays:

Absent:

Motion Carries

Start: 6:04 pm

End: 6:14 pm

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

No action taken

Mayor Groves excused herself from the meeting, and Council President LaTurner assumed the role of presiding officer.

Moved by Mr. LaTurner; seconded by Mr. Harding to call a three (3) minute executive session in accordance with KSA 75-4319 (2) for consultation with an attorney for the public body or agency, which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client



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relationship; in regard to landfill issues, keeping in session city council, mayor, all department heads, and city attorney, to return to the council chambers.

Ayes: Mr. Oglesby (via phone), Ms. Reynolds, Ms. Flint, Mr. Harding, Mr. LaTurner, Ms. Jackson

Nays:

Absent:

Motion Carries

Start: 6:16 pm

End: 6:19 pm

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

No action taken

CODE ENFORCEMENT

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item

FREDDY LEEPER: PERMISSION TO STAY IN CAMPER AT 115 E EMPIRE UNTIL HOUSE IS DONE

Minutes

Moved by Mr. LaTurner; seconded by Ms. Jackson to give Mr. Leeper 90 days to stay in his camper until he can proceed with eviction process.

Ayes: Mr. Oglesby (via phone), Ms. Reynolds, Ms. Flint, Mr. Harding, Mr. LaTurner, Ms. Jackson

Nays:

Absent:

Motion Carries

Agenda Item

1013 MINERAL PROPOSAL

[1013mineralproposal-1.pdf](#)

Minutes

Moved by Mr. Oglesby to accept Mr. Nichols proposal.

The motion failed due to the absence of a second.

Agenda Item

WILL STUCKENBERG: LANDFILL FIRES

[stuckenberghandout.pdf](#)

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See attached handout from Mr. Stuckenberg.

No action taken.

Agenda Item

1709 GALENA AVE PROPOSAL

[garyroseconstructionproposal.pdf](#)

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Moved by Mr. Oglesby; seconded by Ms. Jackson to approve the propOsal for 1709 Galena Ave from Gary Rose Construction.

Ayes: Mr. Oglesby, Ms. Jackson

Nays: Ms. Reynolds, Ms. Flint, Mr. Harding, Mr. LaTurner

Motion denied

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ROYCE CANTRELL: MATTERS OF PUBLIC CONCERN

Minutes

Mr. Cantrell spoke on Landfill audit, facebook posts, and freedom of speech.

No action taken

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SCOTT FREEMAN: LANDFILL AND MONOFILL

Minutes

Mr. Freeman asked questions about the landfill and monofill.

No action taken

OLD BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENT

Agenda Item

PAUL NOLAN

Minutes

Mr. Nolan asked about ground water testing and made note of an argument with two council members after a previous council meeting.

No action taken.

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CHRIS BAIRD

Minutes

Mr. Baird spoke on clicky stuff, threat of more lawsuits to come, prior police department complaints and code enforcement.

No action taken

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RONALD MOOTS

Minutes

Mr. Moots spoke on his concerns of the landfill causing health issues, property damages, and lowering of property value.

No action taken

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Mrs. MOOTS

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Mrs. Moots stated that she does not personally know any of the council members or department heads and noted that none of them reside within the city limits.

No action taken.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Agenda Item

POLICE DEPARTMENT REMODEL

Minutes

Moved by Mr. Harding; seconded by Ms. Jackson to approve the bid from Osborn Legacy in the amount of \$4800.00. Other bid was Copperhead for \$5000.00.

Ayes: Mr. Oglesby (via phone), Ms. Reynolds, Ms. Flint, Mr. Harding, Mr. LaTurner, Ms. Jackson

Nays:

Absent:

Motion Carries

Agenda Item

MAIN STREET PLANTS

Minutes

Moved by Mr. Oglesby; seconded by Ms. Reynolds to approve the purchase of plants and baskets for Main Street from Front Street to 4th Street.

Ayes: Mr. Oglesby (via phone), Ms. Reynolds, Ms. Flint, Mr. Harding, Mr. LaTurner, Ms. Jackson

Nays:

Absent:

Motion Carries

Agenda Item

COMMUNITY ROOM USAGE

Minutes

Moved by Mr. Harding; seconded by Mr. LaTurner to approve the usage of the Community Room Monday - Thursday from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm for Southeast Kansas Area Agency of Aging to prepare meals for the community.

Ayes: Mr. Oglesby (via phone), Ms. Reynolds, Ms. Flint, Mr. Harding, Mr. LaTurner, Ms. Jackson

Nays:

Absent:

Motion Carries

FINAL BUSINESS

Agenda Item

ADJOURN

Minutes

Moved by Mr. Harding; seconded by Ms. Jackson to adjourn the regular city council meeting.

Ayes: Mr. Oglesby (via phone), Ms. Reynolds, Ms. Flint, Mr. Harding, Mr. LaTurner, Ms. Jackson



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Nays:

Absent:

Motion Carries