



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



MINUTES

CITY

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING-06/01/2026

Event Date/Time Jun 1, 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, June 1, 2026, at 6:00 pm in the Galena 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. Flint, Mr. Harding, Mr. LaTurner, Ms. Jackson

Absent: Ms. Reynolds

MINUTES

Agenda Item

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES 05/18/2026

[regularcitycouncilmeeting05_18_20262.pdf](#)

Minutes

Moved by Mr. LaTurner; seconded by Mr. Harding to approve and place on file the Regular Meeting Minutes of 5/18/2026.

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

Nays:

Absent: Ms. Reynolds

Motion Carries

APPROPRIATIONS

Agenda Item

AP26-06A: \$58,572.70

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Minutes

Moved by Mr. LaTurner; seconded by Ms. Jackson to approve and appropriate the funds for AP26-06a in the amount of \$58,572.70.



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

Nays:

Absent: Ms. Reynolds

Motion Carries

MAYOR

Agenda Item

GROUND WATER TESTING

Minutes

Moved by Mr. Harding; seconded by Mr. LaTurner to authorize expenditure of up to \$1,500 for one month of groundwater testing for VOCs, arsenic, particulate matter, and H₂S. A report will be presented to the council once the precise amount is determined for further approval.

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

Nays:

Absent: Ms. Reynolds

Motion Carries

The Mayor proposed an initial meeting with a third-party company to explore options for core drilling, gas particle testing, sample analysis, and the development of a landfill action plan. Council agreed.

CITY ATTORNEY

Agenda Item

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Minutes

Moved by Ms. Jackson; seconded by Ms. Flint 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; to discuss public comment keeping in session city council, mayor, attorney, and all department heads to return to council chambers.

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

Nays:

Absent: Ms. Reynolds

Motion Carries

Start: 6:04 pm

End: 6:14 pm

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

Absent: Ms. Reynolds

No Action Taken

Moved by Mr. LaTurner; 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; to discuss city procedure for the sale of property, keeping in session city council, mayor, attorney, and all department heads to return to council chambers.



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

Nays:

Absent: Ms. Reynolds

Motion Carries

Start: 6:15 pm

End: 6:25 pm

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

Absent: Ms. Reynolds

No Action Taken

CODE ENFORCEMENT

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Agenda Item

SPONSORSHIP OF BIG BANG FIREWORKS (\$1500.00)

Minutes

Moved by Ms. Flint; seconded by Ms. Jackson to approve \$1500.00 for purchase of fireworks for the 2026 Big Bang event on June 27th at Schwartz Park.

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

Nays:

Absent: Ms. Reynolds

Motion Carries

Agenda Item

EMPLOYEE MEDICAL AND DENTAL RENEWAL

Minutes

City Council was given a copy of the renewal from BCBS for employee medical and dental to review and discuss at the next regular city council meeting.

No action taken.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item

GALENA NURSING CENTER FIREWORKS SHOW JUNE 25TH

Minutes

Moved by Mr. Harding; seconded by Ms. Flint to approve Galena Nursing to shoot fireworks on June 25th, 2026.

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

Nays:

Absent: Ms. Reynolds

Motion Carries

Agenda Item

JERRY GABRIELSON: DILAPIDATED HOMES



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Minutes

Mr. Gabrielson removed himself from the agenda prior to the meeting.

No action taken

Agenda Item

ROYCE CANTRELL: REFORM-RESIGN or Be REMOVED

Minutes

Mr. Cantrell addressed several topics, including water testing, communications with Jordan Disposal, the resignation letters from both the council and the mayor, and the landfill audit. He also inquired about when the City became aware of the class action lawsuit against Jordan Disposal.

Agenda Item

SCOTT DAY: DAY INSURANCE EMPLOYEE MEDICAL AND DENTAL PLAN

Minutes

Mr. Day presented council with an alternative to the BCBS employee medical and dental renewal.

No action taken

Agenda Item

PEYTON KESSLER: GALENA LANDFILL CONCERNS

Minutes

Ms. Kessler addressed concerns regarding public health and safety related to landfill gases. She emphasized the need for further testing of various gases, offered assistance in securing additional resources, proposed the creation of a landfill emergency plan, and extended an invitation to the Local Emergency Planning Committee Meeting.

No action taken

Agenda Item

JAMES FERGUSON: LANDFILL ISSUES

[fergusonpropertyoffer.pdf](#)

Minutes

Mr. Ferguson addressed his concerns about the last council meeting, stated he has put his 6 million dollar project on hold due to the landfill situation, request the city adopt a policy for bidding process on city owned properties, and submitted a standing offer to purchase any real property currently owned by the City of Galena that the city determines to be surplus, unnecessary for public use, or otherwise available for sale.

No action taken

Agenda Item

PAUL NOLAN: COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Minutes

Mr. Nolan addressed the council on his concerns and evacuation protocols, requests that representatives from the city attend the local emergency planning committee meeting and gave respect to the current department heads for their hard work.

No action taken

Agenda Item

WILL STUCKENBERG: LANDFILL FIRES

Minutes



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Mr. Stuckenberg requested more testing on different gases from the landfill fires, spoke on the drager rental, and new locations at the landfill that are visibly on fire.

No action taken

OLD BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENT

Agenda Item

ANGIE MOOTS

Minutes

Ms. Moots spoke about her concerns about the noticeable landfill fires, asked why the Fire Department was not involved, asked how deep the fire was, requests more information on the fumes coming from the landfill fires.

No action taken

Agenda Item

PAUL NOLAN

Minutes

Mr. Nolan requested that solar panels be installed for the drager monitor at the landfill due to loss of power.

City superintendent will research other powering options.

No action taken

Agenda Item

ROYCE CANTRELL

Minutes

Mr. Cantrell asked if there were any active litigation regarding the landfill.

There are two active claims against the city, one from Mr. Royce Cantrell and one from Mr. Tanner Walker.

No action taken.

Agenda Item

DAVID TOLLE

Minutes

Mayor Groves stepped out of the meeting, and President of Council Mr. LaTurner took over as presiding officer.

Moved by Ms. Jackson; seconded by Ms. Flint to approve a thirty (30) day extension for Mr. Tolle to remain in his RV before moving to his new property.

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

Nays:

Absent: Ms. Reynolds

Motion Carries

FINAL BUSINESS

Agenda Item

ADJOURNMENT



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Moved by Mr. Harding; seconded by Ms. Jackson to adjourn the regular city council meeting on June 1, 2026.

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

Nays:

Absent: Ms. Reynolds

Motion Carries