

Minutes
City of Villa Grove, Illinois
City Council Regular Meeting
October 23, 2017

CALL TO ORDER—ROLL CALL

The City Council of the City of Villa Grove met in regular session on **Monday, October 23, 2017**, in Council Chambers. Mayor Eversole-Gunter called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Roll call found the following members present: Alderman Leon, Blaney, Cheely, Allen, Griffith, Stipp and Junior Alderman Gulick and Junior Alderman Shunk. Various Public members were in attendance. Clerk Osborne and city engineer Andy Kieser were also present, as well as department heads Athey, Craig and Gire.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE -The Mayor stood and led all attendees in The Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE LAST REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10/10/17.

Alderman Leon motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting held on 10/10/17. Alderman Allen seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Cheely, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Stipp, yea, JA Gulick, yea, JA Shunk, yea. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS FOR PAYMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$104,522.94 Alderman Leon motioned to approve the claims in the amount of **\$104,522.94** to be paid. Alderman Blaney seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Cheely, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Stipp, yea, JA Gulick, yea, JA Shunk, yea. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS MONTH ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2017. Alderman Leon motioned to approve the financial statements for month of August 2017. Alderman Blaney Seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Cheely, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Stipp, yea, JA Gulick, yea, JA Shunk, yea. Motion carried.

ENGINEER REPORT-Andy Kieser-updates on status of project cost. Questions and discussion about the cost of the project. Influential factors include upgrade to a block building with rubberized roofing, floodplain elevations, but all within the norm and nothing outside of the scope of project. Also discussed the upgrade to McCoy lift station, which is in critical need of replacement. The project qualifies for this low interest loan and can be done independently of the water plant project. All water rates are reviewed and in line with making this affordable. The next step is the bid round and the bids will have to be out there soon to meet the 45 days for publication of bid letting. Next announcements from EPA will be in January. Estimated build start date is March 2018.

PUBLIC COMMENTS-

Lee Hoffman gave a status report on the Summer Recreation program expenditures. Also mentioned adding adult softball in the Spring.

Trisa Martin also updated on the parking issue by her business. More oversight will be requested of officers.

Maddie Shunk stated the Interact Club from VGHS was embarking on a Fall cleanup of yards on Oct. 29, 2017. The club members will work that afternoon at request of any resident who contacts them through City Hall or at a box at the grocery store for requests.

Dale Black revisited the question of a ban of parking trailers on city streets.

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BUSINESS

ISSUE OF TRAILER PARKING ON RESIDENTIAL STREETS. Alderman Allen motioned to table this issue until further information can be obtained. Seconded by Alderman Stipp. Roll call: Leon, yea, Cheely, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Stipp, yea, JA Gulick, yea, JA Shunk, yea. Motion carried to Table this issue for further study.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF GEAR RACK FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT TURNOUT GEAR. Alderman Blaney motioned to approve purchase of a rack for the storage of the fire department turnout gear in the amount of \$1423. Alderman Leon seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Cheely, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, no, Allen, no, Stipp, yea, JA Gulick, yea, JA Shunk, yea. Motion carried 4 yeas to 2 nos.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative & Risk Management-Chair Blaney –The committee will meet soon to discuss the bids for remodeling of City Hall to determine the basic repairs that have to be completed for a safe work environment and will then get new bids.

Community Development-Chair Allen- Meeting after council meeting to discuss Christmas event, Douglas County Enterprise Zone.

Emergency Services-Chair Leon- VFW will provide the candy for the children's event on Dec. 16. at the country club. supplying about 50 bags of treats for the Santa Breakfast.

Franchise Development-Chair Cheely- nothing to report.

Public Works- Chair Griffith- Phone issues at PD Office. Issue has been reported to Verizon and they are supposed to be getting this resolved.

Senior Center-Chair Stipp- Nothing to report.

Mayoral Report- Mayor Eversole-Gunter Thank you to BVG volunteers for the tennis/bball courts for painting. Reported on the CIMOA Meeting presentation of the Douglas County CEO program for high school students.

ADJOURNMENT-With no further business, Alderman **Blaney** motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Alderman Allen seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Blaney, yea, Cheely, yea, Allen, yea, Griffith, yea, Stipp, yea, JA Gulick, yea, JA Shunk, yea. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Osborne

Michelle L. Osborne, City Clerk

XC: Mayor and City Council; Building Inspector; Department Heads; File