

Minutes
City of Villa Grove, Illinois
City Council Meeting
December 26, 2017

Call to Order—Roll Call: The City Council of the City of Villa Grove met in regular session on Tuesday, December 26, 2017, in Council Chambers. Mayor Eversole-Gunter called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Roll call found the following members present: Aldermen Allen, Blaney, Cheely, Griffith, and Leon; Stipp was absent. Advisory members Shunk and Gulick were absent, as well as City Clerk Osborne. Also present were Office Manager Athey, Police Chief Gire and Fire Chief Broeker.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Mayor stood and led all attendees in The Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes: Alderman Allen motioned to approve the minutes of the last regular City Council meeting, held December 11, 2017. Alderman Leon seconded the motion. Roll call: Allen, yea; Blaney, yea; Cheely, yea; Griffith, yea; Leon, yea. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Claims for Payment: Alderman Allen motioned to approve the Claims Report in the total amount of \$107,441.73. Alderman Cheely seconded the motion. Roll call: Blaney, yea; Cheely, yea; Griffith, yea; Leon, yea; Allen, yea. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Financial Reports: Alderman Blaney motioned to approve the Financial Statements for the Month Ending November 30, 2017. Alderman Leon seconded the motion. Roll call: Cheely, yea; Griffith, yea; Leon, yea; Allen, yea; Blaney, yea. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineer Reports: The Mayor stated that Mr. Kieser was not in attendance so there would be no engineering report at this time, as there had been a Public Works committee with him the prior week to go over the final questions regarding the pending water treatment plant bidding.

Public Comments: No comments were offered by any public members in attendance.

Business:

Alderman Blaney motioned to approve Amendment No. 1 to the City's Owner-Engineering Agreement for the water treatment plant construction. Alderman Leon seconded the motion. Roll call: Griffith, yea; Leon, yea; Allen, yea; Blaney, yea; Cheely, yea. Motion carried unanimously. From the brief discussion concerning reductions from the first proposal, Mayor Eversole-Gunter stated that Alderman Stipp should be consulted regarding the questioned training of employees on the new plant equipment at a later date.

City of Villa Grove, Illinois
City Council Meeting Minutes
December 26, 2017
Page 2

After a short discussion with the Fire Chief concerning the useful life of fire gear, Alderman Allen motioned to purchase used fire gear, helmets and pagers, in the amount of \$3824.32. Alderman Leon seconded the motion. Roll call: Blaney, yea; Cheely, yea; Griffith, yea; Leon, yea; Allen, yea. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Administrative and Risk Management - Alderman Blaney stated that there would be committee meeting on Thursday, December 28 at 4:30 p.m. Some discussion ensued on whether the City Hall remodeling could be done faster and cheaper by the use of paneling instead of drywall.

Community Development - Alderman Allen brought up the next committee meeting set for Wednesday, December 27 at 7:30 p.m. He noted that there had been changes to the officers of the Chamber of Commerce, and that everyone should take note of the Christmas Lighting category winners throughout the City. Allen stated that any help in taking down the Community Tree decorations would be appreciated on the morning of January 4th (regardless of weather, due to the equipment rental). He later noted that the Douglas County CEO group is selling raffle tickets locally for a fundraising event to be held at the Arcola Community Building on January 20 if anyone is interested in supporting the program.

Emergency Services - Alderman Leon provided a list of donors who supported the purchase of the fire department's brush truck. He noted that the committee meeting held the prior week had cleared up some fund/account issues.

Franchise - Mayor Eversole-Gunter inform the Council that she will be contacting Advanced Disposal concerning the possible leaf burning alternatives, and asked if Alderman Cheely would participate in a meeting with the company to iron out what measures can be done for the local residents should a leaf burning ban take place.

Public Works - Alderman Griffith stated that he had nothing to report at this time.

Senior Center - In Alderman Stipp's absence, there was no report.

Mayoral Reports:

Mayor Eversole-Gunter noted the 2018 Council Meeting calendar provided in the meeting packets, and asked the Council members consider a possible future change to the schedule

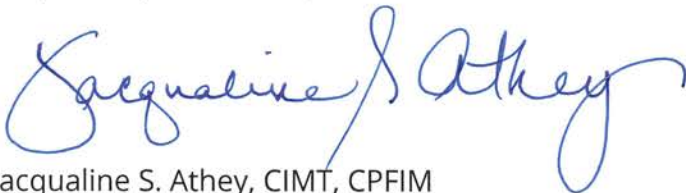
City of Villa Grove, Illinois
City Council Meeting Minutes
December 26, 2017
Page 3

by changing to one Council meeting per month instead of two. She envisions more productive committee meetings taking place throughout the month to replace the Council meeting removed.

The Mayor stated that the post-holiday Christmas party would be Saturday, January 13 at 6:00 p.m. at the VFW, and that it will also be a retirement party for Steve Duke. Council gave their consensus to the purchase of a gift acknowledging his time worked for the City. She also reminded them of the upcoming CIMOA meeting set for Thursday, January 18 which is being hosted by the City. The location has been changed from the ESC Fire Department meeting room to the VFW due to the parking concerns with a large crowd expected.

Adjournment: With no further business, Alderman Allen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m. Alderman Leon seconded the motion. Roll call: Cheely, yea; Griffith, yea; Leon, yea; Allen, yea; Blaney, yea. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jacqueline S. Athey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Jacqueline S. Athey, CIMT, CPFIM
Office Manager

xc: Mayor
City Council
Building Inspector
Department Heads
File