

Minutes
City of Villa Grove, Illinois
City Council Meeting
January 9, 2017

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Call to Order—Roll Call

The City Council of the City of Villa Grove met in regular session on **Monday, January 9, 2017**, in Council Chambers. Mayor Harbin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call found the following members present: Alderman Leon, Hunt, Stipp, Nelson, Wright, and Griffith. Various Public members were in attendance. Chad Osterbur, Engineer from Fehr Graham was present. Clerk Osborne was also present.

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 12/27/2016

Alderman Leon motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting held on 12/27/2016. Alderman Hunt seconded the motion. Roll call: Stipp, yea, Leon, yea, Hunt, yea, Nelson, yea, Wright, abstain, Griffith, yea. Motion carried.

Approval of Claims for Payments, in the amount of \$94,231.30

Alderman Leon motioned to approve the payment for claims in the amount of \$94,231.30. Alderman Griffith seconded the motion. Roll call: Stipp, yea, Leon, yea, Hunt, yea, Nelson, yea, Wright, yea, Griffith, yea. Motion carried.

Public Comments

Dale Black asked if there were updates on the ordinance violations. No status updates were available. Bruce Allen brought up an issue about the county assessments of properties, noting that his commercial properties went up in some cases, over 200 percent! He asked if the council might write a letter to protest the issues to the county. Ron Hunt will contact the Supervisor's office to determine what is happening. He stated this is very detrimental to the city.

Business

Approval of Bid for New Emergency Services Center-Chad Osterbur from Fehr Graham was present to explain any issues and questions. Alderman Hunt motioned to accept the bid in the amount of \$994,500 from Building Systems of Illinois. Discussion ensued about how it would be paid for, and clarifications were made. Alderman Leon seconded the motion to approve the bid. Roll call: Stipp, no, Leon, yea, Hunt, yea, Nelson, yea, Wright, yea, Griffith, yea. Motion carried 5 yeas to 1 no. Mayor Harbin then brought up a veto of this vote, stating he had concerns over the finances. More discussion happened to clarify for the Mayor about financing, he agreed, and rescinded his veto, leaving the motion approved.

Approval of Fireworks Date of July 2, 2017. Alderman Leon motioned to approve the fireworks date as July 2, 2017. Alderman Wright seconded the motion. Roll call: Stipp, yea, Leon, yea, Hunt, yea, Nelson, yea, Wright, yea, Griffith, yea. Motion carried.

Approval of tabled line item from 12/12/16 for amount of \$1007 to Teamsters Union for dues payment, which is the amount withheld from paychecks. Alderman Wright motioned to approve the payment and it was seconded by Alderman Hunt. Roll call: Stipp, yea, Leon, yea, Hunt, yea, Nelson, yea, Wright, yea, Griffith, yea. Motion carried.

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Committee Reports

Administrative & Risk Management-Wright Website status update-more information is being gathered for content. Estimated go live is End of January or middle of February.

Public Works-Griffith- A request for purchase of a floor jack with a larger weight limit to allow working on all of the vehicles. The current one is only 3 tons, and is not sufficient. Consensus is to purchase one large one, holding up to 15 tons for a price of around \$900. This will be an item on next meeting agenda for a vote.

Senior Center-Stipp, Franchise Development-Hunt; Emergency Services-Leon: nothing to report

Mayoral Report: Announced Congressman's Shimkus Helpdesk meeting at City Hall on Jan. 31, 2017.

Executive Session: No Exec Session required.

Adjournment-With no further business, Alderman **Hunt** motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 p.m. Alderman Wright Seconded the motion. Roll call: Stipp, yea, Leon, yea, Hunt, yea, Nelson, yea, Wright, yea, Griffith, yea. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle L. Osborne, City Clerk

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