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City of Villa Grove, Illinois
City Council Meeting
February 13, 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, February 13, 2017**, in Council Chambers. Mayor Harbin called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Roll call found the following members present: Alderman Leon, Hunt, Stipp, Nelson. Alderman Wright and Griffith were absent. Various Public members were in attendance. Greg Gustafson Engineer from BCA 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 1/23/17

Alderman Leon motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting held on 1/23/17. Alderman Hunt seconded the motion. Roll call: Stipp, yea, Leon, yea, Hunt, yea, Nelson, yea. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of the Last Special Council Meeting Held on 1/30/17

Alderman Leon motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting held on 1/30/17. Alderman Hunt seconded the motion. Roll call: Stipp, yea, Leon, yea, Hunt, yea, Nelson, yea. Motion carried.

Approval of Claims for Payments, in the amount of \$206,713.29

Alderman Hunt motioned to approve the payment for claims in the amount of \$206,713.29. Alderman Leon seconded the motion. Stipp, nay, Leon, yea, Hunt, yea, Nelson, yea. Motion carried 3 yeas to 1 Nay.

Public Comments

Bobbi Frost attended and asked for some clarification on the Summer Rec program fees for sports participants. She was referred to check in City office, during working hours, for information on the fee structure.

Jessie Bassett asked for an adjustment on his water bill. He had a leak that was not discovered for more than a month, partly due to the fact that bills were estimated for 3 months. When he received this month's bill, the amount was \$1500, which clearly was indicative of a leak. He stated his average water bill is around \$70 per month. He asked for an adjustment to his bill. Consensus was to allow an adjustment to the bill so he would pay \$75. This will be put on the next council meeting agenda for a vote.

Dale Black reported on potholes in front of the grocery store on Harrison Street. Public works will be notified to fill the hole. There were also complaints about garbage along the roadside. One suggestion for assistance might be to contact Douglas County for any public service crews they have to assist. Alderman Leon suggested this. A question about the bridge on route 130 by the school and when it will be repaired. At this time there are no plans for a repair due to the high cost estimates. Bruce Allen asked for a status update on the abandoned properties but there was no information available.

Greg Gustafson, engineer from BCA was present to update current activities with the water treatment plant. The asbestos inspection of the plant has been completed, information is being gathered as requested by Rural Development, demolition plans for the fire department and renderings of a new plant will be discussed at the upcoming Public works committee meeting on Wed. Feb. 15, 2017.

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Business

APPROVE ORDINANCE 2017 MC-01-AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 39 OF TITLE III OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF VILLA GROVE REGULATING THE REIMBURSEMENT OF CITY EMPLOYEES AND OFFICIALS FOR TRAVEL EXPENSES. Alderman Stipp stated this should be tabled to make a correction to Item G, which gives Department Head authority for travel under \$300. Wants to have this removed, and there was consensus for this to be council approval only. Motion to table this until corrected was given by Alderman Leon. Alderman Nelson seconded the motion. Roll call: Stipp, yea, Leon, yea, Hunt, yea, Nelson, yea. Motion to table carried.

APPROVAL TO RELEASE RFP FOR AUDITING SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEARS 2017-2019. Alderman Stipp motioned to approve the release of RFP for Auditing services for FY 2017-2019. Alderman Nelson seconded the motion. Roll call: Stipp, yea, Leon, yea, Hunt, yea, Nelson, yea. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF 2017 MFT PROGRAM. Alderman Stipp motioned to approve the 2017 Motor Fuel Tax Program. Alderman Hunt seconded the motion. Roll call: Stipp, yea, Leon, yea, Hunt, yea, Nelson, yea. Motion carried.

APPROVAL TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE PROPOSED COMPLIANCE COMMITMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE IEPA. Alderman Hunt motioned to approve the mayor sign the compliance commitment agreement with the IEPA for the water plant violations. Second was by Alderman Nelson. Roll call: Stipp, yea, Leon, yea, Hunt, yea, Nelson, yea. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF FLOOR JACK. Alderman Hunt motioned to approve the purchase of a floor jack for public works to use for heavy equipment repair. Alderman Leon seconded the motion. Roll call: Stipp, yea, Leon, yea, Hunt, yea, Nelson, yea. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF 2017 FORD TRUCK FOR \$29,908. Motion to approve the purchase of a new Ford 2017 truck for use by public works. The purchase price through the state program for this heavy duty truck was \$29,908. Current truck is 10 +years old. Alderman Hunt motioned to approve the purchase. Alderman Leon seconded the motion. Roll call: Stipp, nay, Leon, yea, Hunt, yea, Nelson, nay. Motion tied, and Mayor Harbin cast the deciding vote of Nay for this purchase. Motion did not pass.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF A TILLER-81 INCH COST IS \$4700 OR 83 INCH COST IS \$8500. This purchase would be to accommodate grading work that will be needed for the emergency services lots, other spots in town where dirt grading may be required. Alderman Hunt motioned to approve. No Alderman gave a second to the motion, so motion was denied.

APPROVAL TO TRANSFER \$20,000 FROM PUBLIC WORKS DEPRECIATION CASH FOR EQUIPMENT PURCHASES. Alderman Hunt motioned to transfer cash from depreciation to cover cost of purchase of tiller and truck. Alderman Leon seconded the motion. Roll call: Stipp, nay, Leon, yea, Hunt, nay, Nelson, nay. Motion was denied 3 nay votes to 1 yea vote.

Committee Reports

Administrative & Risk Management-Wright; Franchise Development-Hunt; Emergency Services-Leon: no report, although Alderman Leon mentioned a reminder about burning only being allowed 7am-7pm and not on public roadways.

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Community Development-Nelson: Mark King was present to discuss a business plan for reopening the Gem Theater. He is asking the city to consider forgiving the TIF loan money, which would release the lien from the property to enable him to purchase the property. He plans to use this as a performance venue for bands, possibly a community theater group once again, and event venue for weddings, parties, etc. Alderman Stipp called for a consensus from the council to put this on the next meeting agenda for a vote. Consensus was reached to do so.

Public Works-Griffith- The mayor reported there is a committee meeting on Feb. 15 at 6 pm. Lee Hoffman also explained some information about the fee structures for summer rec program.

Senior Center-Stipp: a new vacuum cleaner is requested to be purchased. The ice maker in the refrigerator needs to be repaired, faucets in the restrooms need to be replaced, and the men's room flooring needs replacement. He has asked for some cost estimates on all.

Mayoral Report: Nothing to report.

Executive Session: No Exec Session required.

Adjournment-With no further business, Alderman **Hunt** motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:05p.m. Alderman Stipp Seconded the motion. Roll call: Stipp, yea, Leon, yea, Hunt, yea, Nelson, yea. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle L. Osborne, City Clerk

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