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City of Villa Grove, Illinois
City Council Meeting
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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 27, 2017**, in Council Chambers. Mayor Harbin called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. Roll call found the following members present: Alderman Leon, Hunt, Stipp, Wright and Griffith. Alderman Nelson arrives at 6:04 pm, after the pledge and approval of minutes. Various Public members were in attendance. Dave Krchak, Attorney for the City of VG, and Andy Kieser from Fehr Graham were 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 2/13/17

Alderman Hunt motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting held on 2/13/17. Alderman Leon seconded the motion. Roll call: Griffith, yea, Wright, present, Stipp, yea, Leon, yea, Hunt, yea, Nelson, absent. Motion carried.

Approval of Claims for Payments, in the amount of \$66, 264.71

Alderman Hunt motioned to approve the payment for claims in the amount of \$66,264.71. Alderman Griffith seconded the motion. Griffith, yea, Wright, present, Stipp, yea, Leon, yea, Hunt, yea, Nelson, absent. Motion carried.

Approval of Financial Statements, Month Ending January 31, 2017.

Alderman Hunt motioned to approve the financial statements for month ending January 31, 2017. Alderman Leon seconded the motion. Griffith, yea, Wright, present, Stipp, yea, Leon, yea, Hunt, yea, Nelson, absent. Motion carried.

Executive Session

Alderman Leon motioned to move to Executive session to discuss according to Open Meetings Act, Section 2(c)(1) for Personnel at 6:06 PM. Seconded by Alderman Hunt. Roll Call: Griffith, yea, Wright, present, Stipp, yea, Leon, yea, Hunt, yea, Nelson, yea. Motion carried.

Executive session concluded at 6:29 pm and returned to regular session for further action.

Alderman Hunt Motioned to resume regular session at 6:30 pm. Second was by Alderman Leon. Roll Call: Griffith, yea, Wright, present, Stipp, yea, Leon, yea, Hunt, yea, Nelson, yea. Motion carried.

Public Comments

1. Belynda Allen-requested council to consider requesting businesses to put a fence around their garbage dumpsters to eliminate trash being blown out of the dumpsters to other properties. Council will take under advisement and will have to check with the garbage hauler about possibility of this.
2. Kerry Cheely-representing the summer rec softball leagues. He gave a short synopsis of the history of service from the league, and also spoke of discussions with Mr. Hoffman for moving forward with this year. He emphasized they have a traveling tournament that comes to town twice a year, April and August, which generates income to entire town with the businesses from families who attend. Council recognized this as a major contribution and appreciates having the tournaments in town-very valued.
3. Jesse Bassett appeared again to say his water bill was not adjusted. Oversight that this did not get on the agenda for this meeting for a vote. Will put on next meeting agenda.

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4. Amy McGaughey and RaeAnn Wyant-discussed the amount of registration for playing ball this year. They felt \$80 was too much and wondered why the jump in fees. Mr. Lee Hoffman explained the shortfall of the budget this year, and that he was trying to get everything running in the positive. Alderman Stipp asked the amount of the shortfall, to which he replied \$3600. Stipp asked for a consensus from the council to cover this cost to offset issues and to restore the fees to past amounts of \$60. Council gave consensus. Anyone who has paid the 80 amount is eligible for a \$20 refund and should contact Mr. Hoffman. Other suggestions for lowering costs is to get more volunteers to do jobs that are now having to be paid to be done. Next meeting agenda item: VOTE on the \$3600 transfer to Summer Rec funds to cover the shortfall, and also the lower the fees and approve refunds for anyone who needs them.
5. Kelly Ison-Inquired about the status of the trailers. Mayor Harbin will get an update from the lawyer.

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 Wright motioned to approve. Second by Alderman Stipp. Roll Call: Griffith, yea, Wright, yea, Stipp, yea, Leon, yea, Hunt, present, Nelson, yea. Motion carried.

APPROVAL TO DO ANNUAL TRANSFER FROM TIF FUND TO GENERAL FUND IN AMOUNT OF \$100,000. Alderman Wright motioned to approve the transfer of funds from TIF to General fund. Alderman Nelson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Griffith, yea, Wright, yea, Stipp, No, Leon, yea, Hunt, yea, Nelson, yea. Motion carried 5 yeas to 1 no.

TERMINATION OF BERNS, CLANCY, AND ASSOCIATES FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES. Alderman Hunt motioned to approve terminate the services of Berns, Clancy, And Associates for engineering services for the water plant. Alderman Griffith seconded the motion. Roll Call: Griffith, yea, Wright, yea, Stipp, Abstain, Leon, yea, Hunt, yea, Nelson, yea. Motion carried with 5 yeas and one abstention.

APPROVAL TO HIRE FEHR GRAHAM FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE WATER PLANT PROJECT. Alderman Hunt motioned to hire Fehr Graham Company for engineering services for the water plant project. Alderman Leon seconded the motion. Roll Call: Griffith, yea, Wright, yea, Stipp, Abstain, Leon, yea, Hunt, yea, Nelson, yea. Motion carried with 5 yeas and one abstention.

AUTHORIZATION FOR MAYOR TO SIGN THE ENGINEERING CONTRACT PER RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ATTORNEY. Alderman Hunt motioned to approve authorizing the mayor to sign the engineering contract with Fehr Graham. Alderman Wright seconded the motion. Roll Call: Griffith, yea, Wright, yea, Stipp, Abstain, Leon, yea, Hunt, yea, Nelson, yea. Motion carried with 5 yeas and one abstention.

AUTHORIZATION FOR OFFICE OF THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY LOAN PROGRAM FORMS. Alderman Hunt motioned to authorize the Office of the Mayor to sign the public water supply loan program forms with the IEPA. Alderman Leon seconded the motion. Roll Call: Griffith, yea, Wright, yea, Stipp, yea, Leon, yea, Hunt, yea, Nelson, yea. Motion carried.

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STATUS OF OUTSTANDING TIF LOAN TO JAMES WHITMORE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$26,610.32. Mr. Whitmore appeared with a check for the final amount to pay the outstanding TIF loan for the theater. Alderman Hunt motioned to accept payment in full of the amount. Alderman Griffith seconded the motion. Roll Call: Griffith, yea, Wright, yea, Stipp, yea, Leon, yea, Hunt, yea, Nelson, yea. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT NO. 2 FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES BUILDING. Alderman Hunt motioned to approve payment number 2 for construction of the Emergency Services Building. Alderman Leon seconded the motion. Roll Call: Griffith, present, Wright, yea, Stipp, no, Leon, yea, Hunt, yea, Nelson, yea. Motion carried with 4 yeas, 1 present, and 1 no vote.

Committee Reports

Administrative & Risk Management-Wright; Franchise Development-Hunt, Public Works-Griffith: no report.

Community Development-Nelson: Chair Nelson acknowledged the beautification of the corner by the ice cream shop by the Gunters, where the mini golf course once stood.

Emergency Services-Leon- Chair Alderman Leon asked for a consensus to hire a new part time police officer. Council gave consensus. VOTE for hiring will be on next meeting agenda.

Senior Center-Stipp: a new vacuum cleaner was purchased.

Mayoral Report: Nothing to report.

Adjournment-With no further business, Alderman **Hunt** motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:15p.m. Alderman Stipp Seconded the motion. Roll Call: Griffith, yea, Wright, yea, 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