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City of Villa Grove, Illinois
City Council Meeting
March 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, March 13, 2017**, in Council Chambers. Mayor Harbin was absent. Alderman Ron Hunt, mayor pro tem, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call found the following members present: Alderman Leon, Hunt, Stipp, Wright, Nelson, and Griffith. Various Public members were in attendance. Clerk Osborne was also present.

Pledge of Allegiance -The Mayor pro tem stood and led all attendees in The Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes of the Last Regular Council Meeting Held on 2/27/17.

Alderman Leon motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting held on 2/27/17. Alderman Wright seconded the motion. Roll call: Griffith, yea, Wright, present, Stipp, yea, Leon, yea, Hunt, yea, Nelson, yea. Motion carried.

Approval of Claims for Payments, in the amount of \$371,480.01

Alderman Leon motioned to approve the payment for claims in the amount of \$371,480.01. Alderman Wright seconded the motion. Griffith, yea, Wright, yea, Stipp, yea, Leon, yea, Hunt, yea, Nelson, yea. Motion carried.

Public Comments

1. Rory Gunter-had questions about the process of the firing of Berns Clancy as the engineering firm of the Water plant project.
2. Kelly Ison-wanted a status update on the Trailer court. This is the second meeting in a row this status request has been brought up, with no answers.
3. Boots Blaney-spoke up on behalf of donating to the Arcola Food Pantry request, listed on the agenda.

Business

APPROVAL FOR JESSE BASSETT WATER BILL ADJUSTMENT FOR HIM TO PAY AMOUNT OF \$75. Alderman Griffith motioned to approve. Second by Alderman Nelson. Roll Call: Griffith, yea, Wright, abstain, Stipp, yea, Leon, yea, Hunt, present, Nelson, yea. Motion carried with one abstention and one present vote.

APPROVAL TO HIRE PART TIME POLICE OFFICER. Alderman Leon motioned to hire a part time police officer. Alderman Stipp seconded the motion. Roll Call: Griffith, yea, Wright, yea, Stipp, yea, Leon, yea, Hunt, yea, Nelson, yea. Motion carried.

APPROVAL TO COVER DEFICIT BALANCES OF BASEBALL/SOFTBALL/TBALL PROGRAMS. Alderman Wright motioned for city to pay the \$3600 deficit of the summer ball sports programs to alleviate registration fees. Alderman Stipp seconded the motion. Roll Call: Griffith, yea, Wright, yea, Stipp, yea, Leon, yea, Hunt, yea, Nelson, yea. Motion carried.

APPROVAL TO REDUCE REGISTRATION FEES FOR BASEBALL/SOFTBALL/TBALL PROGRAMS Alderman Wright motioned to reduce the registration fees back to previous level of \$60 and to give refunds to anyone who overpaid to this point. Alderman Stipp seconded the motion. Roll Call: Griffith, yea, Wright, yea, Stipp, yes, Leon, yea, Hunt, yea, Nelson, yea. Motion carried.

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APPROVAL TO TEAR DOWN STRUCTURE ON WILSON STREET PROPERTY THAT NOW BELONGS TO THE CITY. Alderman Stipp motioned to approve demolition of the Wilson Street Property and to get bids on the demo. Alderman Leon seconded the motion. Roll Call: Griffith, yea, Wright, yea, Stipp, yea, Leon, yea, Hunt, yea, Nelson, yea. Motion carried.

APPROVAL TO HIRE AN ELECTRICIAN FOR THE RICHMAN SPORTS COMPLEX LIGHTING PROJECT. Alderman Hunt motioned to waive bidding and take this as a job shop project for an electrician to install light heads on poles at Richman Sports Complex. Alderman Stipp seconded the motion. Roll Call: Griffith, yea, Wright, yea, Stipp, yea, Leon, yea, Hunt, yea, Nelson, yea. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF ENGINEERING CONTRACT AMENDMENT NO. 2 FROM THE ESC CONSTRUCTION PHASE. Alderman Stipp motioned to approve the engineering contract amendment number 2 for ESC project. Alderman Wright seconded the motion. Roll Call: Griffith, yea, Wright, yea, Stipp, yea, Leon, yea, Hunt, yea, Nelson, yea. Motion carried.

APPROVAL FOR DONATION TO THE ARCOLA FOOD PANTRY AS PER THEIR REQUEST. Alderman Wright motioned to approve a \$100 donation to the Arcola Food Pantry. Alderman Griffith seconded the motion. Roll Call: Griffith, yea, Wright, yea, Stipp, yea, Leon, yea, Hunt, yea, Nelson, yea. Motion carried.

**Further discussions also lead to a consensus from all council members to donate that same amount to the Murdock and Tuscola Food pantries since they all support many families from Villa Grove. This will be on the next agenda for a vote.

Committee Reports

Administrative & Risk Management-Wright-nothing to report

Community Development-Nelson-nothing to report; Franchise Development-Hunt nothing to report

Emergency Services-Leon- Chair Leon reported the final meeting of the police union negotiations was on 3/13/17. They are confident there will be an agreement to sign at the next meeting.

Public Works-Griffith: Some pictures were presented of a park in Mattoon for ideas of finishing landscape outside the new water plant or EMS buildings.

Senior Center-Stipp: the icemaker was repaired for \$90 and the faucets have been replaced.

Mayoral Report: Nothing to report.

Executive Session-Not needed

Adjournment-With no further business, Alderman *Leon* motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 p.m. Alderman Griffith 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