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City of Villa Grove, Illinois
City Council Meeting
March 27, 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 27, 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, Wright, Nelson, and Griffith. Various Public members were in attendance. 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 3/13/17.

Alderman Leon motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting held on 3/13/17. Alderman Wright seconded the motion. Roll call: Griffith, yea, Wright, yea, Stipp, yea, Leon, yea, Hunt, yea, Nelson, yea. Motion carried.

Approval of Claims for Payments, in the amount of \$86,255.42

Alderman Hunt motioned to approve the payment for claims in the amount of \$86,255.42. Alderman Wright seconded the motion. Griffith, yea, Wright, yea, Stipp, yea, Leon, yea, Hunt, yea, Nelson, yea. Motion carried.

Approval of Financial Statements for Month ending 2/28/2017

Alderman Hunt motioned to approve the financial statements for month ending Feb. 28, 2017. Alderman Leon seconded the motion. Griffith, yea, Wright, yea, Stipp, yea, Leon, yea, Hunt, yea, Nelson, yea. Motion carried.

Public Comments

1. Kelly Ison-wanted a status update on the Trailer court. Mayor Harbin said he will call the lawyer for an update.
2. Sara Carroll asked on behalf of the Villa Grove Schools PTO for permission to hold the circus in town at Richman Park on May 5, 2017. Alderman Wright asked for a consensus to allow this, with a vote on next meeting agenda. He will also check with Jacki about any liability/insurance issues. A consensus was reached to allow them to be at Richman Park.
3. Bruce Allen-Chamber of Commerce extended thanks to the city for the help with the Fish Fry and the mayoral debate. It was a big success.
4. Belynda Allen-asked who is responsible for speaking to the city attorney about business. Wanted clarification and Terry said he is the person who directly deals with the attorney, however, he cannot make decisions without the support of the council.

Business

APPROVAL TO HIRE ELECTRICIAN FOR RICHMAN SPORTS COMPLEX LIGHTING. Alderman Hunt motioned to table approving an electrician selection to allow more time for bidders to gather information. Second by Alderman Wright. Roll Call: Griffith, yea, Wright, yea, Stipp, yea, Leon, yea, Hunt, present, Nelson, yea. Motion was TABLED until next meeting.

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DISCUSSION OF MAIN STREET PARK IMPROVEMENTS WHERE COMMUNITY BUILDING STOOD. Alderman Griffith explained that Michael Holmes would like to move forward with drawing up a plan for improvements on the site where the community building stood. Alderman Griffith motioned to table any type of vote on a plan until further information was available. Alderman Wright seconded the motion to table. Roll Call: Griffith, yea, Wright, yea, Stipp, yea, Leon, yea, Hunt, present, Nelson, yea. Motion was TABLED.

APPROVAL FOR \$100 DONATION TO BOTH MURDOCK AND TUSCOLA FOOD PANTRIES. Alderman Wright motioned for city to send a \$100 donation to each of two area food pantries-one to Murdock and the other to Tuscola. Alderman Leon seconded the motion. Roll Call: Griffith, yea, Wright, yea, Stipp, yea, Leon, yea, Hunt, yea, Nelson, yea. Motion carried.

APPROVAL FOR PURCHASE OF ADOBE SOFTWARE UPDATE FOR FRONT OFFICE. Alderman Wright motioned to purchase an ADOBE software update for the City administration office to enable improved workflow. This was in the budget to purchase. Amount is approximately \$716. Alderman Hunt seconded the motion. Roll Call: Griffith, yea, Wright, yea, Stipp, yea, Leon, yea, Hunt, yea, Nelson, yea. Motion carried.

APPROVAL FOR ANNUAL TRANSFER OF PUBLIC WORKS DEPRECIATION AMOUNT OF \$20,000. Alderman Griffith motioned to approve the annual Public Works depreciation amount of \$20,000. Alderman Hunt seconded the motion. Roll Call: Griffith, yea, Wright, yea, Stipp, yea, Leon, yea, Hunt, yea, Nelson, yea. Motion carried.

APPROVAL TO PURCHASE A 'BIG WHEEL' SLUDGE HAULING MACHINE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75,000. Alderman Hunt motioned to approve the purchase of a used Big Wheel machine in the amount of \$75,000. Alderman Griffith seconded the motion. Roll Call: Griffith, yea, Wright, yea, Stipp, yea, Leon, yea, Hunt, yea, Nelson, yea. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PUMP REPAIRS-2 PUMPS X 1900 EACH=\$3800
Alderman Hunt motioned to approve repairs of 2 pumps at the water plant at a total cost of \$3800. Alderman Wright seconded the motion. Roll Call: Griffith, yea, Wright, yea, Stipp, yea, Leon, yea, Hunt, yea, Nelson, yea. Motion carried.

APPROVAL FOR HIRING AUDITING COMPANY. Alderman Wright motioned to approve hiring the accounting firm of Larsson, Woodyard, & Henson, LLP, for the next financial auditing contract. They had the lowest bid by \$3000. Alderman Stipp seconded the motion. Roll Call: Griffith, yea, Wright, yea, Stipp, yea, Leon, yea, Hunt, yea, Nelson, yea. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Administrative & Risk Management-Wright-The website information needs to go to Thunderstruck Designs to complete the site for making it live. CUSI is also being looked at for auto billing purposes for more flexible payment plans and tracking in the future.

Community Development-Nelson-Jerry Connor has volunteered to build a restroom at Harrison Park. More information is needed before a vote can be taken.

Franchise Development-Hunt nothing to report

Emergency Services-Leon- Chair Leon reported the Police Union members were voting on the contract this week. Will have results at the next council meeting. Also, a request for payment for the ESB contract in the

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amount of \$351,000 was asked to a consensus to pay, with a vote to be on the next agenda. Council gave consensus to pay this bill.

Public Works-Griffith: Nothing to report.

Senior Center-Stipp: Nothing to report.

Mayoral Report: Mayor Harbin spoke about his time as mayor and how much he has enjoyed the experience. He wanted to extend his best wishes to all of the candidates in the upcoming elections.

Executive Session-Not needed

Adjournment-With no further business, Alderman **Leon** motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 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

Michelle L. Osborne, City Clerk

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