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**City of Villa Grove, Illinois**  
**City Council Meeting**  
**April 24, 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, April 24, 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, Nelson, Griffith, Wright, and Stipp. Various Public members were in attendance. Clerk Osborne and City attorney Dave Krchak were also present.

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

**Executive Session**-Alderman Nelson motioned to move to Executive Session at 6:02 pm under the Open Meetings Act Section 2(c) (2) for collective bargaining. Alderman Wright seconded the motion.

Roll call: Griffith, yea, Leon, yea, Hunt, yea, Nelson, yea, Wright, yea, Stipp, yea. Motion passed.

Executive session concluded at 6:12 pm and returned to regular session for further action.

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

**Approval of Minutes of the Last Regular Council Meeting Held on 4/10/17.**

Alderman Leon motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting held on 4/10/17. Alderman Griffith seconded the motion. Roll call: Griffith, yea, Wright, abstain, Stipp, abstain, Leon, yea, Hunt, yea, Nelson, yea. Motion carried.

**Approval of Claims for Payments, in the amount of \$331,033.60**

Alderman Leon motioned to approve the payment for claims in the amount of **\$331,033.60**. Alderman Hunt seconded the motion. Roll call: Griffith, yea, Leon, yea, Hunt, yea, Nelson, yea, Wright, yea, Stipp, yea. Motion carried.

**Approval of Financial Statements for Month ending March 31, 2017.** Alderman Leon motioned to approve the financial statements for the month ending March 31, 2017. Alderman Griffith seconded the motion. Roll call: Griffith, yea, Leon, yea, Hunt, yea, Nelson, yea, Wright, yea, Stipp, yea. Motion carried.

**Public Comments**

1. Complaints from neighbors of 106 N. Henson were there to complain of the numerous vehicles parked there and that there is a repair shop business run out of the house. He wanted to know what actions could be taken. Mayor and police chief commented on ordinance violations, but need further investigation.
2. Another resident was present to complain about a person who is feeding the feral cats in a neighborhood. This was referred to the police department for further investigation.

**BUSINESS**

**APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 2017-MC02-AN ORDINANCE FOR AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF VILLA GROVE AND TEAMSTERS LOCAL 26 FOR THE POLICE BARGAINING UNIT AND GRANTING THE MAYOR CERTAIN POWERS REGARDING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING.** Alderman Leon motioned to approve giving the mayor powers regarding collective bargaining. Alderman Griffith seconded the motion. Roll call: Griffith, yea, Leon, yea, Hunt, yea, Nelson, yea, Wright, yea, Stipp, yea. Motion carried.

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**APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 2017-MC03-AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE CITY OF VILLA GROVE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2018. (COMMONLY KNOWN AS FY18 BUDGET).**

Alderman Wright motioned to approve Ordinance no. 2017-MC03 for the annual fiscal budget for fiscal year ending April 30, 2018. Alderman Leon seconded the motion. Roll call: Griffith, yea, Leon, yea, Hunt, yea, Nelson, yea, Wright, yea, Stipp, yea. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL TO CREATE AN ORDINANCE REGARDING OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS IN THE CITY LIMITS.** Alderman Hunt motioned to create an ordinance regarding golf carts operating on city streets within city limits. Second by Alderman Nelson. Council agreed this must be in compliance with state law. Bruce Allen volunteered to research it. Roll call: Griffith, yea, Leon, yea, Hunt, yea, Nelson, yea, Wright, yea, Stipp, yea. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL TO CREATE AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE THE SOUTH END OF ELM STREET AS REQUESTED BY RESIDENT RYAN AND CRYSTAL GARRETT.** Alderman Hunt motioned to approve creating an ordinance to vacate the South End of Elm Street. Alderman Wright seconded the motion. Roll call: Griffith, yea, Leon, yea, Hunt, yea, Nelson, yea, Wright, yea, Stipp, yea. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL TO CREATE AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE THE NORTH END OF RICHMAN STREET AS REQUESTED BY RESIDENT LARRY AND KAREN BUTTON HARPER.** Alderman Hunt motioned to approve creating an ordinance to vacate the North end of Richman Street. Seconded by Alderman Leon. Roll call: Griffith, yea, Leon, yea, Hunt, yea, Nelson, yea, Wright, yea, Stipp, yea. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF BID FOR ASBESTOS REMOVAL AT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT BY COURTICE/GRASON.** Alderman Hunt motioned to approve the bid from Courtice/Grason to remove asbestos from the fire department. Alderman Wright seconded the motion. Roll call: Griffith, yea, Leon, yea, Hunt, yea, Nelson, yea, Wright, yea, Stipp, yea. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER 1 FOR THE EMERGENCY SERVICES CENTER.** Alderman Hunt motioned to approve Change Order number 1 for work at the Emergency Service Center. Alderman Leon seconded the motion. Roll call: Griffith, yea, Leon, yea, Hunt, yea, Nelson, yea, Wright, yea, Stipp, yea. Motion carried.

**PROPOSED CHANGE ORDERS TO THE EMERGENCY SERVICES CENTER SUBMITTED BY FIRE CHIEF BROEKER.** Alderman Stipp motioned not to approve the proposed second change order to the EMS center. Alderman Hunt seconded the motion *not to approve* the change order. Roll call: Griffith, yea, Leon, yea, Hunt, yea, Nelson, yea, Wright, yea, Stipp, yea. Motion carried to deny the change order.

**APPROVAL OF NON-UNION EMPLOYEE WAGE INCREASES PER THE FY18 BUDGET, EFFECTIVE 5/1/17.**

Alderman Leon motioned to approve the non-union employee wage increases per the FY18 budget, effective 5/1/17. Seconded by Alderman Nelson. Roll call: Griffith, yea, Leon, yea, Hunt, yea, Nelson, yea, Wright, yea, Stipp, yea. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF TIF GRANT REQUEST FROM VILLA GROVE SCHOOLS (\$10,000).** Alderman Stipp motioned to approve the TIF Grant request from the VG Schools in the amount of \$10,000. Alderman Hunt seconded the motion. Roll call: Griffith, yea, Leon, yea, Hunt, yea, Nelson, yea, Wright, yea, Stipp, yea. Motion carried.

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**APPROVAL OF DEMOLITION BID FOR 409 WILSON STREET.** Alderman Hunt motioned to approve the demolition low bid from Ezell Excavating in the amount of \$3,995 to demolish the house and small garage at 409 Wilson Street, and remove all debris, concrete and brush from the site. Backfill with top soil. Seeding not included in bid. Alderman Stipp also added that Ezell must show proper insurance proof before work begins. Alderman Nelson seconded the motion. Roll call: Griffith, yea, Leon, yea, Hunt, yea, Nelson, yea, Wright, yea, Stipp, yea. Motion carried.

**REQUEST FOR DONATION FROM VILLA GROVE HERITAGE JFL.** Alderman Wright motioned to approve a request for a donation to the VG Heritage JFL program in the amount of \$150. Alderman Stipp seconded the motion. Roll call: Griffith, yea, Leon, yea, Hunt, yea, Nelson, yea, Wright, yea, Stipp, yea. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF ATTENDANCE OF OFFICIALS OR EMPLOYEES OF THE IMRF EMPLOYER RATE MEETINGS.** Alderman Wright motioned to approve city officials and or employees attending the IMRF Employer Rate Meetings in Champaign at no cost to the city. Alderman Nelson seconded the motion. Roll call: Griffith, yea, Leon, yea, Hunt, present, Nelson, present, Wright, yea, Stipp, no. Motion carried. Mayor Harbin then announced his veto of the action.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Administrative & Risk Management-Wright-Nothing to report

Community Development-Nelson-Ag Days update.

Franchise Development-Hunt nothing to report

Emergency Services-Leon- Chair Leon reported they are targeting the end of next week (May 5, 2017) as a move in date for the fire department and the police department.

Public Works-Griffith: Nothing to report.

Senior Center-Stipp: Nothing to report.

Mayoral Report: Mayor Harbin thanked everyone for their support during his tenure.

**ADJOURNMENT**-With no further business, Alderman *Leon* motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 p.m. Alderman Wright seconded the motion. Roll Call: Griffith, yea, Leon, yea, Hunt, yea, Nelson, yea, Wright, yea, Stipp, yea. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle L. Osborne, City Clerk

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