

Minutes
City of Villa Grove, Illinois
City Council Regular Meeting
January 8, 2018

CALL TO ORDER—ROLL CALL

The City Council of the City of Villa Grove met in regular session on **Monday, January 8, 2018**, in Council Chambers. Mayor Eversole-Gunter called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. Roll call found the following members present: Alderman Leon, Blaney, Cheely, Griffith, Allen, Stipp, and Junior Alderman Shunk. Junior Alderman Gulick, was not present. Clerk Osborne and Department Heads Athey, Craig, and Gire were also present, as was City Engineer Andy Kieser. Various Public members were in attendance.

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 12/26/17.

Alderman Blaney motioned to approve the minutes of the last regular council meeting held on December 26, 2017. Alderman Cheely seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Cheely, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Stipp, present, JA Shunk, yea. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS FOR PAYMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$87,550.30. Alderman Allen motioned to approve the claims in the amount of **\$87,550.30** to be paid. Alderman Leon seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Cheely, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Stipp, yea, JA Shunk, yea. Motion carried.

ENGINEER REPORT-Andy Kieser-There was a Public Hearing prior to the regular council meeting to discuss the IEPA Loan for the Water plant construction. Mr. Kieser presented information at the hearing and answered questions from the public. He reported to the council during regular session that the pre-bid meeting will be held on January 17, 2018, at 10:00 am, at Villa Grove City Hall. On Feb. 8, 2018, the bids will be opened at 2:30 pm at City Hall with a Public Works Committee meeting to follow at 4:30 pm to discuss bids.

PUBLIC COMMENTS- No public comments were made.

BUSINESS

DOUGLAS COUNTY CEO PROGRAM INFORMATION- Alderman Allen gave information about the Douglas County CEO program and their upcoming fundraiser being held in Arcola on Jan. 20, 2018. The program is for High school Seniors in Douglas County to apply for a year. Barb Cler and Holly Olson from Villa Grove have tickets. The tickets for the dinner are \$100/ for 2 complete dinners.

APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF MONTHLY STATEMENT FOR BUD'S AUTO PARTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$41.20. Alderman Allen recused himself from this vote. Alderman Leon motioned to pay the invoice in the amount of \$41.20 to Bud's Auto. Roll call: Leon, yea, Cheely, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Stipp, yea, JA Shunk, yea. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2018-MC01-AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES AS IT PERTAINS TO THE BURNING OF WASTE IN THE CITY- Alderman Blaney motioned to approve Ordinance 2018-MC01, for amending the ordinances to ban yard waste burning. Seconded by Alderman Cheely. Roll call: Leon, yea, Cheely, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, no, Allen, yea, Stipp, no, JA Shunk, yea. Motion carried 4 yeas to 2 nos.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative & Risk Management-Chair Blaney –Jan. 16, 2018 at 7 pm is the next meeting to go over job description updates, and hiring a consultant for requesting the extension of the TIF district. Jan. 18-20 the office remodeling will begin.

Community Development-Chair Allen- There is a meeting of the Ag Days 40th Anniversary planning group on Jan. 10, 2018 at 6:30pm in the Senior Citizen room at City Hall. All are invited. The next CD committee meeting is Jan. 16, 2018 at 8:00 pm at City Hall, this will be for planning of future events.

Emergency Services-Chair Leon- Nothing to report.

Franchise Development-Chair Cheely Nothing to report

Public Works- Chair Griffith- Nothing to report

Senior Center-Chair Stipp- Nothing to report

Mayoral Report- Mayor Eversole-Gunter-the Christmas decorations are in the process of being removed from the site on Main Street.

Upcoming meetings:

Jan. 13, 2018-The City holiday party will be held, at the VFW. We will also honor Steve Duke on his retirement from the City. Meal begins at 6 pm.

Jan. 18, 2018 –Villa Grove VFW, at 6:00 pm. City of Villa Grove will host The Central Illinois Municipal Officers Association (CIMOA) meeting, Guest speakers will be State Reps Brad Holbrook and Chapin Rose.

Jan 24, 2018-7:15 pm Park Board Meeting will be held at City Hall.

Feb. 1, 2018-6:30 pm Meeting of the Christmas Tree Lighting civic group to be held at in City Hall.

Feb. 24, 2018-9 am-2 pm The Beautify Villa Grove committee will hold a fundraiser Garage Sale at the VG United Methodist Church. Details on the BVG Facebook page.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-NO Closed session

ADJOURNMENT-With no further business, Alderman **Leon** motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Alderman Cheely seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Blaney, yea, Cheely, yea, Allen, yea, Griffith, yea, Stipp, yea, JA Sunk, yea. Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle L. Osborne, City Clerk

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