

**Minutes**  
**City of Villa Grove, Illinois**  
**City Council Regular Meeting**  
**January 22, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER—ROLL CALL.** The City Council of the City of Villa Grove met in regular session on Monday, January 22, 2018, in Council Chambers. Mayor Eversole-Gunter called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Roll call found the following members present: Alderman Leon, Blaney, Cheely, Griffith, Allen, Stipp, and Junior Alderman Gulick. Junior Alderman Shunk was not present. Clerk Osborne and Department Heads Athey, Craig, and Gire were also present, as was Tuscola Economic Development Director Brian Moody. 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 1/8/18.** Alderman Allen motioned to approve the minutes of the last regular council meeting held on January 8, 2018. Alderman Leon seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Cheely, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Stipp, present, JA Gulick, yea. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS FOR PAYMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$118,276.13.** Alderman Leon motioned to approve the claims in the amount of \$118,276.13 to be paid. Alderman Cheely seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Cheely, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Stipp, yea, JA Gulick, yea. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE MONTH ENDING 12/31/17.** Alderman Allen motioned to approve the financial statements for the month ending 12/31/17. Alderman Griffith seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Cheely, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Stipp, yea, JA Gulick, yea. Motion carried.

**ENGINEER REPORT.** Pre-bid meeting went very well with much interest from contractors.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS.** No public comments were made.

**BUSINESS:**

**APPROVAL OF 2018 MFT Plan/IDOT Resolution.** Alderman Stipp motioned to approve the 2018 MFT plan/IDOT resolution. Alderman Griffith seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Cheely, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Stipp, yea, JA Gulick, yea. Motion carried.

**Consideration of Donation to Douglas County CEO Program.** Brian Moody, TEDI, was present to explain the Douglas County CEO program, which is for Seniors in Douglas County High Schools to teach entrepreneurship and introduced them to the local business communities in each participating school's city. The program's first year is this year and they want to grow the program to encourage students to return to Douglas County for their careers. The committee is asking each community for a donation (Arthur, Villa Grove, Tuscola, Arcola). Donations would be \$1000 for 3 years. Alderman Blaney motioned to table this request for further study. Alderman Stipp seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Cheely, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Stipp, yea, JA Gulick, yea. Motion carried to TABLE for further study.

**Planning for upcoming changes to NIMS training requirements.** Moody also discussed the Federal Govt. requirements for emergency planning and to be eligible for disaster relief and grants. No action was taken at this time.

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Administrative & Risk Management-Chair Blaney. Reports the office construction has started. The downtown businesses' windows that were painted for Christmas have all been cleaned.

Community Development-Chair Allen. The committee met on Jan. 16, 2018. Planning for a spring event-(possible fishing tournament); fall event planning also. He reminded everyone of the CIMOA dinner being held Jan. 25, 2018, in VG at the VFW and to call City Hall to make reservations by Jan. 23, 2018.

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. Year-end report was completed, with 2468 total meals served in 2017.

**MAYORAL REPORT.** Mayor Eversole-Gunter reported receiving multiple inquiries about leaf burning ban. The Tuscola City Council is voting on selling a used leaf sweeper vacuum to us as an intergovernmental sale at a very low price. She noted the upcoming meetings:

**Jan. 24, 2018-7:15 p.m.** Beautify Villa Grove Committee/Park Board Meeting will be held at City Hall.

**Jan. 25, 2018 (Villa Grove VFW) at 6:00 p.m.** City of Villa Grove will host the Central Illinois Municipal Officers Association (CIMOA) meeting. Guest speakers will be State Rep. Brad Holbrook and State Senator Chapin Rose.

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

**Feb. 6, 2018-6:30 p.m.** Community Development Committee Meeting.

**Feb. 8, 2018-2:30 p.m.** Bid opening for construction of the water plant.

**Feb. 8, 2018-4:30 p.m.** Public Works Committee Meeting.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION.** No closed session was held.

**ADJOURNMENT.** With no further business, Alderman Leon motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 p.m. Alderman Blaney seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Blaney, yea, Cheely, yea, Allen, yea, Griffith, yea, Stipp, yea, JA Gulick, yea. Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Michelle L. Osborne*

Michelle L. Osborne, City Clerk

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