

Minutes
City of Villa Grove, Illinois
City Council Meeting
July 10, 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, July 10, 2017**, 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, Hunt, Griffith, Blaney, Allen, Stipp, and Junior Alderman Gulick. Junior Alderman Shunk was absent. Various Public members were in attendance. Clerk Osborne and Andy Kieser, Engineer from Fehr-Graham 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 6/26/17.

Alderman Leon motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting held on 6/26/17. Alderman Stipp seconded the motion. Roll call: Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Leon, yea, Hunt, yea, Blaney, yea, Stipp, yea, JA Gulick, yea. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE LAST SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6/27/17.

Alderman Leon motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting held on 6/26/17. Alderman Stipp seconded the motion. Roll call: Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Leon, yea, Hunt, yea, Blaney, yea, Stipp, yea, JA Gulick, yea. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS FOR PAYMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$117,508.80. Alderman Blaney motioned to approve the claims in the amount of \$117,508.80 to be paid. Alderman Griffith seconded the motion. Roll call: Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Leon, yea, Hunt, yea, Blaney, yea, Stipp, yea, JA Gulick, yea. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

ENGINEERING REPORTS-Andy Kieser from Fehr Graham gave updates on the progress of the water plant: EPA has signed off with approval of the progress we are making. EPA permit is issued. Quarterly reports will happen via email from Andy Kieser at FG. He will have paperwork at the next meeting needing signatures. Alderman Stipp asked him to give a status on the drawings and wants to meet with the Public Works Committee when the plans are 75% complete. He estimated that to be in about 2 weeks.

-Jay Schreiber inquired about the website status. The Mayor responded with an update and saying it is very close to done.

-Sarintha Nelson from Ag Days committee requested blocking off Main Street on either Thursday night or early Friday morning of Ag Days to allow the set up of over 65 vendors-largest number they have ever had.

BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF DEMOLITION BIDS FOR OLD FIRE STATION BUILDING-Andy Kieser from Fehr Graham was present to open the bids for demolition of the fire station. There were 3 bids: Miller Enterprises, Champaign-\$54,900; Yoder Farm Drainage, Sullivan-\$48,450; and Ezell Excavating, Villa Grove-\$16,990. The demolition will begin after the end of Ag Days to keep the area safe and without construction debris for the festival. Alderman Stipp motioned to accept the low bid from Ezell Excavating for \$16,990, pending appropriate paperwork filed before starting work. Alderman Hunt seconded the motion. Roll call: Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Leon, yea, Hunt, yea, Blaney, yea, Stipp, yea, JA Gulick, yea. Motion carried.

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APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF MONTHLY STATEMENTS FROM BUD'S AUTO PARTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$51.00

Since Alderman Allen owns this business, he recuses himself from voting on this issue. Alderman Hunt motioned to approve payment to Bud's Auto Parts in the amount of \$51.00 for the monthly bill. Alderman Griffith seconded the motion. Roll call: Griffith, yea, Allen, Recused, Leon, yea, Hunt, yea, Blaney, yea, Stipp, yea, JA Gulick, yea. Motion carried.

APPROVAL FOR OFFICIALS TO ATTEND THE IML CONFERENCE HELD SEPTEMBER 21-23, 2017 IN CHICAGO.

Alderman Leon motioned to approve paying expenses for city officials to attend the IML Conference in Chicago. This was budgeted for 6 people to attend. There will be 3 going: Mayor Eversole-Gunter, City Clerk Osborne, and Treasurer Athey. Alderman Blaney seconded the motion. Roll call: Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Leon, yea, Hunt, yea, Blaney, yea, Stipp, no, JA Gulick, yea. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative & Risk Management-Chair Blaney –Wants purchases made with merchants of Villa Grove when possible rather than buying the same things in Champaign. Blaney said people have inquired about making a tennis court in town.

Community Development-Chair Allen Fireworks went well at Richman Park. Suggestion is to contact the company NOW for setting next year's date.

Emergency Services-Chair Hunt- Gave report on the golf cart ordinance saying that cart must be inspected by the police, must purchase a sticker from the Police Department. The EMS open house will be July 30 from 12-5 pm.

Franchise Development-Chair Leon Nothing to report

Public Works- Chair Griffith: Griffith presented quote from FE Moran, the only one who responded, for updating security camera system at the brush pile. The options were to purchase two camera systems for \$2800 or to lease for \$85 per month, which would be up to 4 cameras and include the service agreement. The consensus from council was to lease. He will have the information at the next meeting.

Senior Center-Chair Stipp: Nothing to report.

Mayoral Report: Mayor Eversole-Gunter reported the Mayor's office has been moved into the rooms where the Police Department was at City Hall. This leaves room to move Jacki in her own office in the front and give more area for other workers. Park Board and Beautification committee met and made plans for improvements. Thank you to Bill Koss for volunteering his time and doing some much needed clean up work.

EXECUTIVE SESSION –Alderman Allen moved to go into Executive Session at 6:49 pm, under the Open Meetings Act, Section 2(C)(1) for Personnel, with no further action to be taken afterwards. Alderman Leon seconded the motion. Return to open session was at 7:44 pm

Roll call: Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Leon, yea, Hunt, yea, Blaney, yea, Stipp, yea, JA Gulick, yea. Motion carried.

Alderman Allen motioned to return to open session at 7:44 pm. Alderman Griffith seconded. Roll call: Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Leon, yea, Hunt, yea, Blaney, yea, Stipp, yea, JA Gulick, yea. Motion carried.

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ADJOURNMENT-With no further business, Alderman *Leon* motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. Alderman Allen seconded the motion. Roll call: Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Hunt, yea, Stipp, yea, Blaney, yea, Leon, yea, Stipp, yea. JA Gulick, yea. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michelle L. Osborne". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michelle L. Osborne, City Clerk

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