

Minutes
City of Villa Grove, Illinois
City Council Meeting
July 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, July 24, 2017**, in Council Chambers. Mayor Eversole-Gunter called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call found the following members present: Alderman Hunt, Griffith, Blaney, Allen, and Stipp. Alderman Leon and Junior Alderman Gulick and Shunk were 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 7/10/17.

Alderman Hunt motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting held on 7/10/17. Alderman Griffith seconded the motion. Roll call: Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Hunt, yea, Blaney, yea, Stipp, yea. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS FOR PAYMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$299,021.49. Alderman Hunt motioned to approve the claims in the amount of \$299,021.49 to be paid. Alderman Blaney seconded the motion. Roll call: Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Hunt, yea, Blaney, yea, Stipp, yea. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR MONTH ENDING JUNE 30, 2017.

Alderman Hunt motioned to approve the financial statements for month ending June 30, 2017. Alderman Blaney seconded the motion. Roll call: Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Hunt, yea, Blaney, yea, Stipp, yea. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ryan Garrett-raised questions about the process of permitting golf carts. Ron Hunt said he would meet them at the Police Department the following morning to get the process completed with the PD.

BUSINESS

OPEN BIDS FOR PUBLIC WORKS TRUCK-2002 FORD F250-One bid was opened in the amount of \$1,100 from Jack Ishcomer of Villa Grove. Alderman Stipp motioned to accept the bid for sale of the truck with Alderman Allen seconding the motion. Roll call: Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Hunt, yea, Blaney, yea, Stipp, yea. Motion carried.

APPROVAL TO FILL FULL TIME POSITION IN CITY HALL-Alderman Blaney motioned to approve filling the full time position in the office at City Hall. Alderman Stipp seconded the motion. Roll call: Griffith, no, Allen, no, Hunt, present, Blaney, yea, Stipp, present. Motion was denied with 2 no votes, 1 yea, and 2 present.

APPROVAL FOR USE OF STREETS FOR THE BACK TUTU SCHOOL 5K RUN-Kelly Vail, Villa Grove PTO representative, asked for permission to use the streets for a 5K run to benefit the PTO of the school on Saturday, September 23, 2017. Alderman Blaney motioned to approve this use request. Alderman Hunt seconded the motion. Roll call: Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Hunt, yea, Blaney, yea, Stipp, yea. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative & Risk Management-Chair Blaney –Follow up on the request for tennis courts-Chair Blaney spoke with IDNR and they said courts could be changed to tennis courts from basketball courts. Hunt suggested following up with risk management to be certain it is okay to do so, and also to give usage and cost estimates.

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Jake Gulick and Maddy Shunk have made quite a bit of progress with the scanning project, but still have more to do. Their work has been much appreciated by the staff. Phil Durland came and inspected city hall building to determine what repairs and maintenance need to be done before a remodeling estimate can be given. There is a long list and we are still looking for bids.

Community Development-Chair Allen Ag Days is 2 weeks away and Public Works crews are starting to clean the courts on Main Street and other areas to prepare for the festival weekend. There was reconsideration about closing the streets on Thursday night, and that will not happen due to impact on businesses. Street closures will be at noon on Friday. July 30 the Beautification committee will be at Harrison Park to clean up in preparation for Ag Days. Volunteers are needed and welcome!

Emergency Services-Chair Hunt- The EMS open house will be July 30 from 12-5 pm. Ribbon cutting will be at 12:30 pm.

Franchise Development-Chair Leon Nothing to report

Public Works- Chair Griffith: Nothing to report.

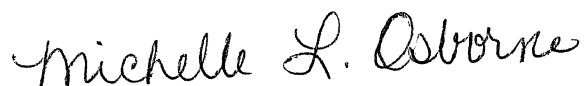
Senior Center-Chair Stipp: Nothing to report.

Mayoral Report: Mayor Eversole-Gunter reported on the clean up to be done July 30 at Harrison Park. The Christmas Tree Lighting committee has begun working on things and needs some volunteers. The website edits are complete from our offices and the site will be live on August 1, 2017. We have a new ordinance attorney, Justin Brunner.

EXECUTIVE SESSION –No Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT-With no further business, Alderman *Hunt* motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 p.m. Alderman Griffith seconded the motion. Roll call: Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Hunt, yea, Stipp, yea, Blaney, yea, Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle L. Osborne, City Clerk

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