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**City of Villa Grove, Illinois**  
**City Council Meeting**  
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**CALL TO ORDER—ROLL CALL**

The City Council of the City of Villa Grove met in regular session on **Monday, August 14, 2017**, in Council Chambers. Mayor Eversole-Gunter called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Roll call found the following members present: Alderman Leon, Griffith, Blaney, Allen, Stipp and Junior Alderman Gulick and Shunk. Alderman Hunt 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 7/24/17.**

Alderman Allen motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting held on 7/24/17. Alderman Leon seconded the motion. Roll call: Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Leon, yea, Blaney, yea, Stipp, yea, JA Gulick, yea, JA Shunk, yea. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE LAST SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7/27/17.**

Alderman Allen motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting held on 7/27/17. Alderman Griffith seconded the motion. Roll call: Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Leon, yea, Blaney, yea, Stipp, yea, JA Gulick, yea, JA Shunk, yea. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS FOR PAYMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$204,924.95.** Alderman Allen motioned to approve the claims in the amount of \$204,925.95 to be paid. Alderman Stipp seconded the motion. Roll call: Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Leon, yea, Blaney, yea, Stipp, yea, JA Gulick, yea, JA Shunk, yea. Motion carried.

**ENGINEERING REPORT**

Andy Kieser from Fehr Graham gave an update on the status of the water plant project as follows:

-Changes to the plans: Added an office area with an ADA restroom specifications; Flat membrane roof will be used instead of trussed roof; working on grading the lot; gave an explanation of the roofing and adding office space for billing staff for water department; entrances will be on the East and the West Sides, and will also have a drive by payment box. The alley will be required to be concrete to sustain the weight of the trucks delivering chemicals.

-Destruction of Fire Department will begin within the next two weeks. A line has to be moved that runs above the current building.

-all EPA deadlines have been met to this point.

-City Attorney Marc Miller is still working on the city ordinance for authorization for the EPA loan.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Dale Black commented the new plants around the welcome signs needed watering-they were very wilted.

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**BUSINESS**

**CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 2017-MC09-AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING LOAN AGREEMENT IN NON-HOME RULE ENTITY (relating to Public Water Supply Loan Program to fund water system project)-**Alderman Stipp motioned to table this due to the ordinance not being completed yet. Second was given by Alderman Allen. Roll call: Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Leon, yea, Blaney, yea, Stipp, yea, JA Gulick, yea, JA Shunk, yea. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF HIRING CANDIDATE FOR FULL TIME POSITION IN CITY HALL-**Alderman Stipp motioned to approve hiring Alicia Pizzola to fill the full time position in the office at City Hall. Alderman Allen seconded the motion. Roll call: Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Leon, yea, Blaney, yea, Stipp, yea, JA Gulick, yea, JA Shunk, yea. Motion carried.

**APPROVE PROPOSAL FOR AIR CONDITIONING UPGRADE FOR CITY HALL-**A central air conditioning unit was removed from the city property acquired at 409 Wilson St. Mayor Eversole-Gunter got a quote for installing this 2 year old unit in city hall to replace the current one there that does not work well. A quote from Do It Best in Tuscola was given in the amount of \$2700 to remove and install the unit for city hall. After a round of discussion, it was decided to get more quotes before moving forward with the project. Alderman Stipp motioned to get additional quotes for this work. Alderman Allen seconded the motion. Roll call: Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Leon, yea, Blaney, yea, Stipp, yea, JA Gulick, yea, JA Shunk, yea. Motion carried to get more quotes.

**APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF MONTHLY STATEMENT FROM BUD'S AUTO PARTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$64.33-**Alderman Stipp motioned to approve payment of the invoice from Bud's Auto Parts in the amount of \$64.33. Seconded by Alderman Griffith. Roll call: Griffith, yea, Allen, recused himself, Leon, yea, Blaney, yea, Stipp, yea, JA Gulick, yea, JA Shunk, yea. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF CITY CLERK TO ATTEND THE IMC INSTITUTE IN OCTOBER (IN LIEU OF IML CONFERENCE)-**Alderman Stipp motioned to approve City Clerk Osborne attending the weeklong IMC Institute for clerk training in Springfield, Oct. 8-13, 2017. Alderman Allen seconded the motion. Roll call: Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Leon, yea, Blaney, yea, Stipp, yea, JA Gulick, yea, JA Shunk, yea. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Administrative & Risk Management-Chair Blaney –Nothing to report.

Community Development-Chair Allen Ag Days went well and the committee gives a big thanks to the City for their assistance and cooperation, as well as the Beautification committee for their work in sprucing things up.

Emergency Services-Chair Hunt- Nothing to report.

Franchise Development-Chair Leon Nothing to report

Public Works- Chair Griffith: A reminder to be sure to lock your cars due to an uptick in thefts from cars.

Senior Center-Chair Stipp: June meals=210 July meals=209. Craft supplies and a file cabinet were donated to the center.

Mayoral Report: Mayor Eversole-Gunter reported on the clean up at Harrison park and how well it was attended by volunteers and the end result was great. Thank you to all who helped! The Website is Live and huge thanks go to Office Administrator Jacki Athey and Thunderstruck Design for their work to bring this to completion. The BVG Committee will meet on August 17, 2017 at 7:30 pm. And on a sad note, the Mayor read the resignation letter of Alderman Ron Hunt. Mr. Hunt stated he was resigning due to personal reasons and he did not attend

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the meeting. The resignation was regretfully accepted by the council. A final vote will be taken at the next meeting to accept it, and the process to find a replacement will begin. Mayor Eversole-Gunter praised Alderman Hunt for all of his hard work and dedication to the City of Villa Grove over his many years of service.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** –Alderman Allen motioned to go to Closed Session under the Open Meeting Act, Section 2(C)(1) FOR PERSONNEL AND SECTION 2(c)(11) FOR PENDING LITIGATION. Alderman Leon seconded the motion and council left for closed session at 6:31 pm, pending further action upon reconvening open session. Roll call: Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Leon, yea, Blaney, yea, Stipp, yea, JA Gulick, yea, JA Shunk, yea. Motion carried. Council returned from Executive closed session at 7:03 pm. Alderman Stipp motioned to resume regular session, with Alderman Allen giving a second. Roll call: Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Leon, yea, Blaney, yea, Stipp, yea, JA Gulick, yea, JA Shunk, yea. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**–With no further business, Alderman *Stipp* motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 p.m. Alderman Allen seconded the motion. Roll call: Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Leon, yea, Blaney, yea, Stipp, yea, JA Gulick, yea, JA Shunk, 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