

Minutes
City of Villa Grove, Illinois
City Council Meeting
September 25, 2017

CALL TO ORDER—ROLL CALL

The City Council of the City of Villa Grove met in regular session on **Monday, September 25, 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 Leon, Blaney, Cheely, Allen, Griffith, Stipp and Junior Alderman Gulick and Junior Alderman Shunk. Various Public members were in attendance. Clerk Osborne 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 9/11/17.

Alderman Stipp motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting held on 9/11/17. Alderman Leon seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Cheely, yea, Blaney, yea, Allen, yea, Stipp, yea, JA Gulick, yea, JA Shunk, yea. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS FOR PAYMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$214,793.86 Alderman Leon motioned to approve the claims in the amount of **\$214,793.86** to be paid. Alderman Stipp seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Cheely, yea, Blaney, yea, Allen, yea, Stipp, yea, JA Gulick, yea, JA Shunk, yea. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS MONTH ENDING AUGUST 31, 2017. Alderman Leon motioned to approve the financial statements for month of August 2017. Alderman Allen Seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Cheely, yea, Blaney, yea, Allen, yea, Stipp, yea, JA Gulick, yea, JA Shunk, yea. Motion carried.

ENGINEER REPORT-No Updates.

PUBLIC COMMENTS-Trisa Martin, Business Owner: Concerns over parking issues by her business. spots are taken by vehicles parked overnight, and are obscuring vision to come and go out of the alleyway and parking area for her business. She asks for some relief of this issue for safety concerns plus giving her business more parking by limiting the on street parking to 3 hours, like it is on Main Street. Discussion of a possible parking ordinance and further investigation for a decision.

BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION FOR SALE OF WILSON STREET PROPERTY. Alderman Allen motioned to approve the sale of the Wilson Street Property. Alderman Blaney seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Cheely, yea, Blaney, yea, Allen, yea, Stipp, yea, JA Gulick, yea, JA Shunk, yea. Motion carried.

APPROVAL TO BILL ARROW AMBULANCE FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF CONCRETE PAD PLACEMENT AT ESC.

Arrow Ambulance requested a concrete pad to be placed at the back door of their area in the Emergency Services Center to allow entry to the building for their crew. They stated they would reimburse the city for the work. Work is completed and the amount is \$1560, which will be sent to Arrow for Reimbursement. Alderman Stipp motioned to accept the reimbursement, and Alderman Griffith seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Cheely, yea, Blaney, yea, Allen, yea, Stipp, yea, JA Gulick, yea, JA Shunk, yea. Motion carried.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative & Risk Management-Chair Blaney –New employee Alicia Pizzola is doing well and helping to ease the overtime issues in the office.

Community Development-Chair Allen- Gave a review of the Business Boot Camp attended in Monticello by Allen, Eversole-Gunter, and Blaney. Going to find a way to implement something like this in VG for developing business. Great program. Next Comm. mtg is 9/28/17 at 7 pm.

Emergency Services-Chair Leon- Engine 103 Repair work was needed and completed.

Franchise Development-Chair Cheely-

Public Works- Chair Griffith- Reported that the new Ford truck is now in service.

Senior Center-Chair Stipp- Nothing to report.

Mayoral Report- Mayor Eversole-Gunter reported the demolition of the old Fire Dept. Building continues; the Chamber of Commerce will also partner to implement the Business Boot Camp strategy in VG. The BVG committee will meet 9/17/17 to complete the painting at the basketball courts on Main street. Volunteers are needed! The Water towers are painted. The first BVG Beautiful yard award was presented to Bernice Mitchell on Henson Road. Congratulations! The Mayor and City Treasurer will attend the Douglas County Emergency services roundtable meeting in Tuscola next week.

ADJOURNMENT-With no further business, Alderman **Allen** motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 p.m. Alderman Stipp seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Blaney, yea, Cheely, yea, Allen, yea, Griffith, yea, Stipp, yea, JA Gulick, yea, JA Shunk, yea. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle L. Osborne, City Clerk

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