

Minutes
City of Villa Grove, Illinois
City Council Regular Meeting
November 27, 2017

CALL TO ORDER—ROLL CALL

The City Council of the City of Villa Grove met in regular session on **Monday, November 27, 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, Blaney, Cheely, Allen, Stipp, Griffith, and Junior Alderman Gulick. Junior Alderman Shunk, was not present. Clerk Osborne and Department Heads Craig, Athey, and Gire were also present. 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 11/13/17.

Alderman Leon motioned to approve the minutes of the last regular council meeting held on November 13, 2017. Alderman Griffith seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Cheely, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Stipp, yea, JA Gulick, yea. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE CLOSED SESSION OF THE LAST REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD

November 13, 2017. Alderman Griffith moved to approve the content of the minutes of the last closed session meeting held on November 13, 2017. Second by Alderman Cheely. Roll call: Leon, yea, Cheely, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Stipp, present. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS FOR PAYMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$49,636.32 Alderman Allen motioned to approve the claims in the amount of **\$49,636.32** to be paid. Alderman Leon 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, MONTH ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2017. Alderman Allen motioned to approve the financial statements for the month ending October 31, 2017. Seconded by Alderman Leon. Roll call: Leon, yea, Cheely, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Stipp, yea, JA Gulick, yea. Motion carried.

ENGINEER REPORT-Andy Kieser-Not in attendance, but Alderman Stipp gave some updates on the status of the plans. Fehr Graham is ready to begin the process for bids. Also supplied was a copy of the cost estimate and the building plans. A meeting of Public Works Committee is necessary very soon to review this information. The meeting for Public Works Committee was set for Monday, Dec. 4, 2017 at 4:15 pm in council chambers.

PUBLIC COMMENTS-No comments were received.

BUSINESS

ORDINANCE 2017-MC10-AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE VII, CHAPTER 72 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF VILLA GROVE (As it Pertains to the Parking of Tractor, Semi or Other Trailers) - Alderman Blaney motioned to approve Ordinance 2017-MC10, Amending Title VII, Chapter 72 of the Municipal Code of The City of Villa Grove. Seconded by Alderman Allen. Roll call: Leon, yea, Cheely, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Stipp, yea, JA Gulick, yea. Motion carried.

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APPROVAL OF LOAN FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT UTILITY TRUCK PURCHASE-Alderman Leon motioned to approve a loan for the fire department to purchase a utility truck. Consensus to get the loan was given at the last regular city council meeting held 11/13/17. Approval states the payments for the loan must be repaid from the Fire Department budget. The loan is only for the difference between the funds raised to date and the balance of the purchase price. Alderman Allen seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Cheely, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Stipp, yea, JA Gulick, yea. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative & Risk Management-Chair Blaney –Nothing to report

Community Development-Chair Allen Reported the results of the Turkey Trot 5k sponsored by Chix in Training on Thanksgiving morning was a great success, raising over \$800 for the Beautification of Villa Grove committee funds. The Christmas Tree Lighting Festival was deemed a huge success, and a thank you for the hard work was extended to the Public Works Department for their hard work and assistance, the VG School Art Class, Student Council, and students; and the Pentecostal Church, Casper Kellems, driver, for use of their shuttle bus, and to Rusty and Dana Craig for the use of their vehicles for the second shuttle. Next meeting of the committee will be after the first of the New year.

Emergency Services-Chair Leon- A request was made for adding another part time police officer to help with shortages of shift coverage, thus reducing overtime. This will go on the next meeting agenda for a vote. Also, Chief Gire did a speed survey on Rte. 130 by Pheasant Point and the results were the average speed was 45.3 mph, within the limit posted.

Franchise Development-Chair Cheely Nothing to report.

Public Works- Chair Griffith- Next meeting is Dec. 4, 2017 at 4:15 pm, and asking Andy Kieser, city engineer, to attend.

Senior Center-Chair Stipp- Nothing to report.

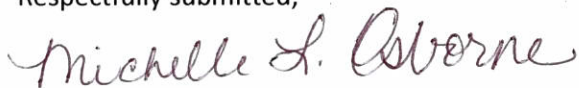
Mayoral Report- Mayor Eversole-Gunter recognized the Junior Aldermen, Jake Gulick and Madeline Shunk, for their selection as SAR and DAR Good Citizen Award. Congratulations!

The Christmas Tree Lighting Festival was a successful event. There was great teamwork that made it come together! A meeting of the Christmas Tree Lighting Festival group will be held on Nov. 30 at The Scoop on Main Street, Villa Grove, at 6:30 pm for a potluck supper and a discussion of the event. Everyone is invited to attend. Santa will appear in December on 2,9,16. The 16th will be at the Country Club and a Breakfast by reservation only will be held there.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-NO Closed session

ADJOURNMENT-With no further business, Alderman **Blaney** motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. Alderman Stipp 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, City Clerk

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