

Minutes
City of Villa Grove, Illinois
City Council Regular Meeting
March 26, 2018

CALL TO ORDER—ROLL CALL

The City Council of the City of Villa Grove met in regular session on **Monday, March 26, 2018**, in Council Chambers. Mayor Eversole-Gunter called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Roll call found the following members present: Alderman Cheely, Blaney, Griffith, Allen, and Stipp. Junior Alderman Gulick and Shunk were absent. Alderman Leon arrived at 6:10 pm, as did City Engineer Kieser and Fire Chief Ross Elston. Clerk Osborne, department heads Athey, Arbuckle, and Gire. 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 3/12/18.

Alderman Allen motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting held on 3/12/18. Alderman Griffith seconded the motion. Roll call: Cheely, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Stipp, present. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CLOSED MINUTES FROM 3/12/18. Alderman Allen motioned to approved closed session minutes from the regular city council meeting from March 12, 2018. Alderman Cheely seconded the motion. Roll call: Cheely, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, and Stipp, present. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE MONTH ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2018. Alderman Allen motioned to approve the financial statements ending February 28, 2018. Alderman Stipp seconded the motion. Roll call: Cheely, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, and Stipp, yea. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS FOR PAYMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$89,524.34. Alderman Allen motioned to approve the claims in the amount of **\$89,524.34** to be paid. Alderman Cheely seconded the motion. Roll call: Cheely, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, and Stipp, yea. Motion carried.

Alderman Leon, Engineer Kieser, and Fire Chief Ross Elston joined the meeting at this point, 6:10 pm.

ENGINEER REPORT-Andy Kieser reported that he and Alderman Leon, and Fire Chief Elston had been over at the water plant to determine where the tornado siren placement will be. We will have to get a proposal from a contractor to see if the siren can be placed on the elevated tank. This would be the best placement. The EPA is writing the loan offer. We hope to get the final by end of the week. He noted the steel tariffs are creating a jump in the price of steel by 15%.

PUBLIC COMMENTS-Greg Harbin asked about the FEMA properties and the estimated removal dates. There are no dates determined yet due to the process involved. Dale Black reported that people are driving on the north end of Pheasant Pointe and someone drove through a resident's yard. Tony Hooker reported the Camargo Township Library's play will be on April 14 at 2pm and 5:30 pm at the school, and invited everyone to attend.

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BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF Ordinance 2018-MC-02-An Ordinance Amending Chapter 78 "Parking Schedules" Of The Municipal Code Of The City Of Villa Grove Regarding Parking On Railroad Street. Alderman Stipp motioned to approve aforementioned Ordinance. Seconded by Alderman Allen. Roll call: Leon, yea, Cheely, yea, Blaney, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Stipp, yea. Motion carried.

APPROVAL TO CHANGE HIRE TIF CONSULTING FIRM MORAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. Alderman Stipp motioned to approve hiring the TIF consulting firm Moran Economic Development. Alderman Allen seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Cheely, yea, Blaney, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Stipp, yea. Motion carried.

RELOCATION OF TORNADO SIRENS-Discussion of the relocation of the Tornado sirens determined there needs to be further study of the issue and getting bids. Alderman Stipp motioned to table for further study. Alderman Allen seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Cheely, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Stipp, yea. Motion carried to table.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF LEAF VACUUM WITH 3 OR 5 YEAR FINANCING ON SAME- After researching, the best option is to purchase a new vacuum at the cost of no more than \$60,000 from Rahn Equipment of Danville. Alderman Stipp motioned to approve purchase of the leaf vacuum as noted. Alderman Leon seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Cheely, yea, Blaney, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Stipp, yea. Motion carried.

DISCUSS YARD WASTE CLEAN UP PER ADVANCED DISPOSAL-Alderman Stipp motioned to approve a clean up day estimated to be on April 7, as a one time only service. Advanced will send flier out with instructions. Alderman Allen seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Cheely, yea, Blaney, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Stipp, yea. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative & Risk Management-Chair Blaney –The committee will meet on Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

Community Development-Chair Allen- June 2 will be the date of the fishing tournament at John Leon Park from 12-4 pm. The Chamber of Commerce will provide food. this will be for kids for free. The electrical set up on Main Street used for events, such as AG Days, needs to be added to the South end of Main Street. Research of how to accomplish that is ensuing. New Business Picture It Sold will hold an Open House from 12-3pm on Saturday, March 31. The Jonah Fish Fry will be held April 20 at VGUMC from 4-7pm, sponsored by Chamber of Commerce.

Emergency Services-Chair Leon- Nothing to Report

Franchise Development-Chair Cheely- Nothing to Report

Public Works- Chair Griffith- New Employee Jeff Blackford started on March 19.

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Senior Center-Chair Stipp- Nothing to report.

Mayoral Report- Mayor Eversole-Gunter- The Mayor noted planning of a project in conjunction with the school to plant grasses on the east and north sides of the former Community Building lot with seeds provided from Pheasants Forever organization. There will be a Cinco de Mayo festival on May 5, 2018, on the south end of Main Street, featuring the Feudin' Hillbillies band, with food and refreshments served by the Mexican Restaurant, as well as other businesses. Band begins at 7:30 pm. May 5, 2018 at 10:00 am will be the Loyalty Day Parade.

CLOSED SESSION-Alderman Blaney motioned to go into Closed Session at 6:40pm, under the Open Meetings Act according to Section 2(c)(1) for discussion of specific personnel issues, with no further action to take place upon return to Open Session. Alderman Cheely seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Cheely, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Stipp, yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Eversole-Gunter called Open Session back to order at 7:19 pm.

ADJOURNMENT-With no further business, Alderman **Blaney** motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. Alderman Cheely seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Blaney, yea, Cheely, yea, Allen, yea, Stipp, yea. Motion carried. Roll call: Leon, yea, Cheely, yea, Blaney, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Stipp, yea. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "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