

Minutes
City of Villa Grove, Illinois
City Council Regular Meeting
May 14, 2018

CALL TO ORDER—ROLL CALL

The City Council of the City of Villa Grove met in regular session on **Monday, May 14, 2018**, 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, Cheely, Blaney, Griffith, Allen, Stipp, and Junior Alderman Gulick. Junior Alderman Shunk was not present. Clerk Osborne and Department Managers Athey, Craig, and Chief Gire, and Arbuckle, Trudeau, and Fire Chief Elston 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 4/23/18 -

Alderman Blaney motioned to approve the minutes of the last regular council meeting held on April 23, 2018. 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 CLAIMS (FY18) FOR PAYMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$111,023.67. Alderman Leon motioned to approve the claims in the amount of **\$111,023.67 for FY18** to be paid. Alderman Cheely seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Cheely, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Stipp, no, JA Gulick, yea. Motion carried 5 yeas to 1 no.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS (FY19) FOR PAYMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$143,258.32- Alderman Leon motioned to approve the claims in the amount of **\$143,258.32 for FY19** to be paid. Alderman Blaney seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Cheely, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Stipp, no, JA Gulick, yea. Motion carried 5 yeas to 1 no.

ENGINEER REPORT-Engineer Andy Kieser reported the pre-construction meeting was held the previous week with the contractors and city staff. Tobin Brothers contacted JULIE for relocation of the water pipes. The ground should be broken very soon. EPA Paperwork is 100% complete.

PUBLIC COMMENTS- Resident Jody Eversole was present to update on the upcoming Fireworks celebration to be held on July 1, 2018 at Richman Park. Melrose from Chicago will be the fireworks provider. There will also be a car show, bike show for the kids, inflatables, and food. The events will begin at 6 pm, with a band at 7pm.

BUSINESS

Accept the resignation of Building Inspector Phil Durland. Alderman Stipp motioned to accept the resignation of Phil Durland as building inspector. Alderman Blaney seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Cheely, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Stipp, yea, JA Gulick, yea. Motion carried.

Approve the Mayor's appointment of Donnie Jones to position of Building Inspector. Alderman Stipp motioned to approve the appointment of Donnie Jones as building inspector. Alderman Griffith seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Cheely, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Stipp, yea, JA Gulick, yea. Motion carried.

Approve payment of monthly statement from bud's auto parts in the amount of \$109.24-

Alderman Allen recused himself from this vote. Alderman Leon motioned to pay the monthly statement from Bud's Auto repair for \$109.24. Alderman Cheely seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Cheely, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Stipp, yea, JA Gulick, yea. Motion carried.

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Approve the purchase of refrigerator for the Senior Citizen's Center- Alderman Stipp motioned to approve the purchase of a new refrigerator for the Senior Citizen's Center to replace the one that is not working. Cost is \$674 from Dick Van Dyke Appliances. Alderman Leon seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Cheely, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Stipp, yea, JA Gulick, yea. Motion carried.

Approve the attendance of the City Treasurer to the IMTA Annual Conference- Alderman Blaney motioned to approve the attendance of City Treasurer to the IMTA Annual Conference. Alderman Leon seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Cheely, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Stipp, yea, JA Gulick, yea. Motion carried. 5 yeas to 1 no.

Approval to purchase new computer server for City Hall-Alderman Blaney motioned to approve the purchase of a new server for City Hall, which was included in the FY 19 budget. Alderman Cheely seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Cheely, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Stipp, yea, JA Gulick, yea. Motion carried.

Approval to purchase user/client computers and monitors for upgrade at City Hall Offices- Alderman Blaney motioned to approve the purchase of a new user computers for City Hall, which was included in the FY 19 budget. 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 to purchase upgrade of Sage financial software at time of computers' installation at City Hall Offices- Alderman Blaney motioned to approve the purchase of an upgrade to the city's financial software, Sage, for City Hall, which was included in the FY 19 budget. Alderman Cheely seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Cheely, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Stipp, yea, JA Gulick, yea. Motion carried.

Approval of extending the hours for the brush pile access for the summer season and approval of new signage for such- Alderman Stipp motioned to approve extended seasonal hours for the city brush pile. Demand is rising due to the new no leaf burning ordinance in place. Alderman Allen seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Cheely, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Stipp, yea, JA Gulick, yea. Motion carried.

Approval of creation of work title "Utilities Lead Worker" and approval of \$1.00 per hour pay increase. Alderman Stipp motioned to approve creating the work title Utilities Lead Worker with a \$1 per hour pay increase. Alderman Allen seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Cheely, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Stipp, yea, JA Gulick, yea. Motion carried.

Consideration of graduation gifts for the Council Advisory Members-Alderman Blaney motioned to approve graduation gifts for the two Council Advisory Members, Jake Gulick and Madeline Shunk, in recognition of their service to the city. Alderman Leon seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Cheely, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Stipp, yea, JA Gulick, Recused himself. Motion carried.

Approval to purchase a lawn mower from Birkey's Farm Store in the amount of \$14,800-Alderman Allen motioned to approve purchasing a lawn mower from Birkey's Farm Store for the price of \$14,800. 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 to hire a contractor for property demolition per court order-Alderman Allen motioned to approve hiring Ezell excavating for demolition of property as per a court order for removal. Alderman Leon seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Cheely, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Stipp, yea, JA Gulick, yea. Motion carried.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative & Risk Management-Chair Blaney –Alderman Blaney reminded everyone of the upcoming Google Suites software training to be held at the school on Saturday May 19, beginning at 9 am.

Community Development-Chair Allen- The fishing tournament for kids will be 6/2/18 from 10am-2pm. 1 new dock is installed and thanks go to Paul's Crane operator Curtis Hutchison for his assistance with placing the dock. There is a dead tree hanging over the bleachers at Henson that needs to be removed ASAP.

Emergency Services-Chair Leon- The phone issues continue to create problems with access to the police department. The phone service has not worked since moving into the new building and a consideration of placing a land line should be investigated. Golf cart sticker renewals are ongoing, and the fire siren will be relocated across the street from where it is now. There will be a work day on Saturday at the fire house.

Franchise Development-City wide cleanup will be June 22-23, 2018. Hours on June 22 are 12-7pm, hours on June 23 are 8am-6pm. Electronics recycling will be ONLY from 12-3pm on June 23. Location has not been confirmed yet.

Public Works- Chair Griffith- The fire hydrants are being replaced. Researching the cost of a new impact wrench.

Senior Center-Chair Stipp- Nothing to report

Mayoral Report- Mayor Eversole-Gunter-The Cinco de Mayo street festival was a huge success. Thank you to all vendors and also to all who attended. Thank you to Paul's for the dock installation.

CLOSED SESSION-Alderman Blaney motioned to go into Closed Session at 6:41pm under the Open Meetings Act Section 2(c) (1) for discussion of specific personnel issues and Section (2) (c) (5) The purchase of lease of real property for the use of the public body, including discussion of whether said parcel should be acquired, with no further action to be taken 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.

Council returned to open session at 7:18 pm.

ADJOURNMENT-With no further business, Alderman Allen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m. Alderman Stipp seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Cheely, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Stipp, yea. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle L. Osborne, City Clerk

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