

**Minutes**  
**City of Villa Grove, Illinois**  
**City Council Regular Meeting**  
**May 29, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER—ROLL CALL**

The City Council of the City of Villa Grove met in regular session on **Tuesday, May 29, 2018** (due to the Memorial Day Holiday on Monday, May 28), in Council Chambers. Mayor Eversole-Gunter called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call found the following members present: Alderman Cheely, Blaney, Griffith, Allen, Stipp, and Junior Alderman Gulick. Alderman Leon and Junior Alderman Shunk were not present. Clerk Osborne and Department Heads Athey, Craig, 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 5/24/18**-Alderman Allen motioned to approve the minutes of the last regular council meeting held on May 24, 2018. Alderman Griffith seconded the motion. Roll call: Cheely, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Sitpp, yea, JA Gulick, yea. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS FOR PAYMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$54,560.72.** Alderman Griffith motioned to approve the claims in the amount of **\$54,560.72** to be paid. Alderman Allen seconded the motion Roll call: Cheely, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Stipp, yea, JA Gulick, yea. Motion carried.

**ENGINEER REPORT**-No report this week.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**- Joe Landeck was present to ask about three issues: a possible Quiet Zone designation for the railroad, noting other cities have this rule, and it reduces the horns that are blown at night; an ordinance about removal of garage sale signs from posts once the sale is over; and possibly having a beach again at John Leon Park. Kelly Ison and Cheri Hunt were present to say they are very pleased with having the trailer park demolition completed on Elm Street. They also pointed out the issue of people running the stop sign at 2nd and Elm and asked for some police presence to help reduce the issues.

**BUSINESS**

**Approval of purchase of light bar for 2012 Squad car.** Alderman Blaney motioned to approve the purchase of a light bar for the 2012 squad car to replace the broken one. Cost of \$1899.95 from Emergency Vehicle Lighting company. Alderman Cheely seconded the motion. Roll call: Cheely, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Stipp, yea, JA Gulick, yea. Motion carried

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Administrative & Risk Management-Chair Blaney –Alderman Blaney announced the next meeting on May 31, 2018 at 6:30 pm.

Community Development-Chair Allen- Fishing tournament this Saturday June 2. from 10 am to 2pm. Free. He also reports cars overnight on Main street. June 7 committee meeting for TIF at 6 pm.

Emergency Services-Chair Leon- Nothing to report.

Franchise Development-Chair Cheely- City clean up days June 22-23. School said the back parking lot could be used for cleanup days. Tires and electronics can be recycled. Car tire is 2 and Semi tires is 7.

Public Works- Chair Griffith- Nothing to report.

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Senior Center-Chair Stipp- Nothing to report from Senior Center, but does mention to Public Works that the wiffle ball fence is torn up and needs replacing at Coddington Park.

Mayoral Report- Mayor Eversole-Gunter-Brush pile hours are extended to dusk during the week. Weekend hours are same. Signs are up. Work has begun on the water plant.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**- Alderman Cheely motioned at 6:30 pm to go into closed session under the ILCS Open Meetings Act according to Section 2(c)(1) for discussion of specific personnel issues and Section 2(c)(5) The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including discussion of whether a particular parcel should be acquired. There will be no further action upon return to open session. Alderman Blaney seconded the motion. Roll call: Cheely, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Stipp, yea. Motion carried. Council returned to open session at 6:40pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**-With no further business, Alderman Allen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 p.m. Alderman Stipp seconded the motion. Roll call: 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