

**Minutes**  
**City of Villa Grove, Illinois**  
**City Council Regular Meeting**  
**August 13, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER—ROLL CALL**

The City Council of the City of Villa Grove met in regular session on **Monday, August 13, 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, Blaney, Griffith, and Allen. Aldermen Cheely and Stipp were absent. Clerk Osborne and Department Heads Athey, Craig, Gire, Elston, and TIF representative Keith Moran 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 7/23/18**-Alderman Blaney motioned to approve the minutes of the last regular council meeting held on July 23, 2018. Alderman Allen seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE LAST CLOSED SESSION AT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7/23/18**-Alderman Leon motioned to approve the minutes of the last closed session at regular council meeting held on July 23, 2018. Alderman Griffith seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS FOR PAYMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$265,654.96.** Alderman Allen motioned to approve the claims in the amount of **\$265,654.96** to be paid. Alderman Leon seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea. Motion carried.

**ENGINEER REPORT-No Report**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS-**

**John Dove from the Wind Farm Project**-Gave some information on the proposed wind farm. They are past the 75% mark to getting to the 50 turbines. Permit to the county in September with Construction in The Spring. The Income to VG School District is estimated at \$90,000 per year. There will be an upcoming vendor job fair for businesses to showcase their products that would support the entire project-workers, housing, materials, food, etc. Their office is at 124 S. Broadway in Newman, IL. Chuck Ayers is now working with the wind farm company and will be their local contact.

Ross Elston was present from the Fire Department and thanked the council for the opportunity they were given to train in the FEMA houses before they were torn down. This provided invaluable experience to the all of the fire departments involved.

**KEITH MORAN of MORAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-TIF District**

1. **Discussion of Villa Grove Facade Improvement Program**-this would a matching grant for building improvements. We would create Economic Development marketing to bring new businesses and residents into the city.
2. **Discussion of TIF#1 Amended & Restated Development Plan**-There is a TIF packet available for viewing. Page 5 in this packet talked about the amended plan that would include new streetscapes/sidewalks, new business development, repairs to businesses, residential development, which could include Senior

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living, Historic district, etc. Additional items discussed could be the use of the funds for legal fees and utilities updates. Many options are available for future development and Keith gave a very good overview and described next steps.

-Ordinance to pass for interested parties registry

-Ordinance for Public Hearing Date on October 9 at 5:30pm. Mailings go out to everyone within 750 feet of the TIF district.

-A joint review board meeting will be held on Sept. 6 at 11 am-only the mayor is required to attend.

**BUSINESS**

**1. Motion to approve and place on file the updated TIF#1 Amended and Restated Redevelopment Plan and Facade Improvement Plan.**

Alderman Leon motioned to approve the updated TIF #1 amended and restated redevelopment plan. Alderman Blaney seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea. Motion carried.

**2. Ordinance 2018-MC-07-An Ordinance of the City of Villa Grove, Douglas County, Illinois, Authorizing the Establishment of Tax Increment Financing "Interested Parties" Registries and Adopting Registration Rules for Such Registries.** Alderman Leon motioned to approve Ordinance 2018-MC-07. Alderman Blaney seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea. Motion carried.

**3. Ordinance 2018-MC08-An Ordinance Fixing a time and Place for a Public Hearing in Connection with Proposed Amendments to the Redevelopment Project Area Number one of the City of Villa Grove, Douglas County, Illinois, and Related Matters.** Alderman Blaney motioned to approve Ordinance 2018-MC-08. Second by Alderman Leon. Roll call: Leon, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea. Motion carried.

**4. Approve Payment of Bud's Auto monthly statement in the amount of \$544.39.** Alderman Leon motioned to approve payment of the Bud's Auto Parts monthly statement for \$544.39. Alderman Blaney seconded the motion. Alderman Allen recused himself. Roll call: Leon, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea. Motion carried.

**5. Approval of WTP Contractor Payment No. 3 in the amount of \$411,478.11.** Alderman Leon motioned to approve the payment to WTP in the amount of \$411, 478.11. Alderman Blaney seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea. Motion carried.

**6. Fire Department request for approval to purchase new gas detectors.** Alderman Allen motioned to approve the purchase of new gas detectors in the amount of \$775 from vendor Air One Equipment in Elgin, IL. Alderman Leon seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea. Motion carried.

**7. Approve additional costs of Santa House project materials.** Discussion of the expanded plan for the Santa house project and higher expense of the project. The VFW is applying for funding and if that comes through, they would reimburse the extra costs for the project. The City is at \$3000 budget for this. Alderman Leon motioned to approve the additional expenses dependent on the help from the VFW

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grant. Alderman Blaney seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, no, Allen, yea. Motion carried 3 yeas to 1 no.

**8. Approve purchase of two front tires for the sludge truck-**Quote from Garzo is lowest at \$2660. Alderman Allen motioned to approve the purchase from Garzo. Alderman Griffith seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea. Motion carried.

**9. Discuss potential intergovernmental agreement with Camargo Township for use of equipment.** Township supervisor Kent Elam was in attendance and explained that the City of Villa Grove uses the road grader from Camargo Township Road District. Their risk management company has asked for them to have a signed agreement for the use on file. The grader is used 2-3 times per year. Agreement lists other points that need to be discussed. Alderman Leon motioned to have further discussion and legal review of the agreement before it could be signed. Alderman Allen seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Administrative & Risk Management-Chair Blaney –Nothing to report.

Community Development-Chair Allen- Next meeting is August 23 at 6:30 pm. Fall Festival planning on the agenda. The festival will happen on October 20. The Ag Days committee reported the event was a huge success and thanks the City for their support, donation of employee time and work. Allen also reported he has been contacted and has some community service people that he can give names of to Rusty Craig for work in the city.

Emergency Services-Chair Leon- The Student Resource Officer will begin August 17 at the school. Office Mike Bradley is the SRO. Another full time officer has been hired and will begin August 18. This is Tyler Drake.

Franchise Development-Chair Cheely- Nothing to report.

Public Works- Chair Griffith-There was a storm over the weekend that blew a tree limb down from a city tree onto a residence. This required emergency cleanup and OT with Public Works Dept.

Senior Center-Chair Stipp- Nothing to report.

Mayoral Report- Mayor Eversole-Gunter-Thank you and congratulations to the AG Days committee for a successful event for the 40th year. The businesses all reported a boost in sales. She read a thank you note from Junior Alderman Shunk. Recommendations for this year's Junior Aldermen will be forthcoming.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION-** No Closed Session.

**ADJOURNMENT-**With no further business, Alderman Blaney motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 p.m. Alderman Leon seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

*Michelle L. Osborne*

Michelle L. Osborne, City Clerk

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