

Minutes
City of Villa Grove, Illinois
City Council Regular Meeting
September 10, 2018

CALL TO ORDER—ROLL CALL

The City Council of the City of Villa Grove met in regular session on **Monday, September 10, 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, Allen, and Stipp. Aldermen Griffith was absent. Clerk Osborne, City Engineer Andy Kieser, and Department Heads Athey, Craig, Gire, Elston, and Arbuckle 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 8/27/18-Alderman Allen motioned to approve the minutes of the last regular council meeting held on August 27, 2018. Alderman Blaney seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Blaney, yea, Allen, yea, Stipp, yea. Motion carried.

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

8/27/2018-Alderman Blaney motioned to approve the closed session minute from the last regular council meeting held 8/27/18. Alderman Allen seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Blaney, yea, Allen, yea, Stipp, yea. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS FOR PAYMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$137,919.61 Alderman Allen motioned to approve the claims in the amount of **\$137,919.61** to be paid. Alderman Blaney seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Blaney, yea, Allen, yea, Stipp, yea. Motion carried.

ENGINEER REPORT-Progress is going well on the building. Well pump 2 and motor had to be repaired but is still not working at capacity so more troubleshooting is needed. There was a consensus to pay the fourth installment to be paid. Other items: on Sept. 18 at 8:30 am, Andy is meeting with the occupants of the Industrial Park to discuss the easement that is needed. Also, a discussion about the McCoy updating project. The planning stages of that can begin, especially with a public meeting with the residents about what the project will entail.

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH-Mayor Eversole-Gunter proclaimed September as the month for suicide awareness.

PUBLIC COMMENTS-No comments.

BUSINESS

1.Approve monthly payment of statement for Bud's Auto Parts-Alderman Leon motioned to approve the payment of monthly statement in the amount of \$308.47 to Bud's Auto Parts. Alderman Blaney seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Blaney, yea, Allen, yea, Stipp, yea. Motion carried.

2. Acceptance of resignation of Jennifer Cheely as Ward II Alderman-With regret, the council accepted Jennifer Cheely's resignation and thank her for her service to the City of Villa Grove.

3. Approval of appointment of Derek Johnson to the Ward II open seat. Mayor Eversole-Gunter asked to have

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approval of the appointment of Derek Johnson to the open seat on the council. Alderman Stipp motioned to approve the appointment. Alderman Allen seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Blaney, yea, Allen, yea, Stipp, yea. Motion carried.

4. Approval of Mayor's appointment of Kevin Gaddis as Building Inspector-Mayor Eversole-Gunter asked to table this vote until the next meeting. Alderman Stipp motioned to table the appointment with Alderman Allen giving a second to the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Johnson, pass, Blaney, yea, Allen, yea, Stipp, yea. Motion carried to Table the motion.

5. Approval to purchase boots for firemen-Fire Chief Ross Elston had 2 quotes for the purchase of 3 pair of new boots for firemen to wear. The lowest bid was from Garner in the amount of \$340 per pair and a total of \$1,020. Alderman Allen motioned to approve the boot purchase. Alderman Leon seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Allen, yea, Stipp, yea. Motion carried.

6. Approval for repairs by Gasvoda to Adams Street Lift Station-The pump is not working correctly and needs repairs. Alderman Leon motioned to approve repairs to the lift station. Alderman Stipp seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Allen, yea, Stipp, yea. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Community Development-Chair Allen- Harrison Park restrooms are being updated with volunteer labor by Brad Abel, with plumbing equipment donated by RC's. Richman Park outbuildings have been painted also and look good. Next meeting is Thurs. 9/13/18 at 6 pm to discuss food pantry and the upcoming fall festival.

Emergency Services-Chair Leon- Nothing to report.

Franchise Development-Chair Johnson- Nothing to report.

Public Works- Chair Griffith-Ads are in the paper for the Water and sewer worker position. Will close on Sept. 14, with interviews happening on Saturday, Sept. 15 to accommodate Scott's schedule before being gone for a week. Meeting begins at 9 am. will be posted as a committee meeting.

Senior Center-Chair Stipp- Nothing to report.

Mayoral Report- Mayor Eversole-Gunter-A thank you note from Jake Gulick was read to the council. The mayor thanked the Public Works department plus volunteers Bill Koss, Ryan Burnett, and others for painting of city hall exterior. It is a huge improvement.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- None.

ADJOURNMENT-With no further business, Alderman Blaney motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Alderman Stipp seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Johnson, yea Blaney, yea, Allen, yea, and Stipp, yea. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Osborne

Michelle L. Osborne, City Clerk

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