

Minutes
City of Villa Grove, Illinois
City Council Regular Meeting
March 12, 2018

CALL TO ORDER—ROLL CALL

The City Council of the City of Villa Grove met in regular session on **Monday, March 12, 2018**, in Council Chambers. Mayor Eversole-Gunter called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Roll call found the following members present: Alderman Leon, Blaney, Cheely, Allen, and Junior Alderman Gulick. Alderman Stipp and Junior Alderman Shunk were absent. Clerk Osborne, City Attorney Dave Krchak, and department heads Athey, Craig Arbuckle, Hoffman, 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 2/26/18.

Alderman Allen motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting held on 2/26/18. Alderman Leon seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Cheely, yea, Blaney, present, Griffith, present, Allen, yea, JA Gulick, yea. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CLOSED MINUTES FROM 2/8/28, 2/12/18, and 2/26/18. Alderman Allen motioned to approved closed session minutes from the regular city council meeting from February 8 and 12, and from the Public Works committee meeting on February 26, 2018. Alderman Cheely seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Cheely, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, present, Allen, yea. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION-Alderman Blaney motioned to go into Closed Session at 6:03 pm, under the Open Meetings Act according to Section 2(c)(1) for discussion of specific personnel issues and 2(c)(2) collective bargaining discussion, with 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. Motion carried.
Mayor Eversole-Gunter called Open Session back to order at 6:31 pm.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS FOR PAYMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$176,990.15. Alderman Blaney motioned to approve the claims in the amount of **\$176,990.15** to be paid. Alderman Leon seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Cheely, yea, Blaney, present, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, JA Gulick, yea. Motion carried.

ENGINEER REPORT-Updates on status of project were discussed in the Public Works committee meeting held prior to the city council meeting. The project is on target at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS-No public comments

BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF HIRING TIF CONSULTANT. Alderman Blaney motioned to table the approval to hire a TIF consultant for further study at this time. Seconded by Alderman Cheely. Roll call: Leon, yea, Cheely, yea, Blaney, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, JA Gulick, yea. Motion carried to Table.

APPROVAL TO CHANGE CITY HALL PUBLIC HOURS OF OPERATION. Alderman Blaney motioned to approve the

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change to City Hall Officer hours to having 7-8 am as time for the office employees to do work, with the office opening to the public from 8 am to 4 pm for business hours, to begin April 1, 2018. Alderman Allen seconded seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Cheely, yea, Blaney, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, JA Gulick, yea. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF EARLY REPAYMENT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT LOAN. Alderman Leon motioned to approve the early repayment of the Fire Department Loan from VGSB. Alderman Griffith seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Cheely, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, JA Gulick, yea. Motion carried.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF MONTHLY STATEMENT TO BUD'S AUTO PARTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$108.38. Alderman Allen recused himself from this action. Alderman Leon motioned to approve payment of the monthly statement to Bud's Auto in the amount of \$108.38. Alderman Griffith seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Cheely, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, JA Gulick, yea. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative & Risk Management-Chair Blaney –The committee is working on the 5 year and 10 year long range planning for the city; TIF consultant hiring is being researched and calling of the referendum for the next TIF period. Job description updates are almost complete, and the repairs to city hall are 99 percent completed. Next meeting is March 15, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

Community Development-Chair Allen- Planning for a Spring fishing tournament is ongoing and the Chamber will also assist. The Harvest Wine Festival will be held October 7, 2018 from 2-6pm on main street. 3 businesses updated: New Business: Jamie Morrison does Ebay listings, sells vaping supplies, and also does printing services. She is located in the former Main Street Treasures building; Main Street Treasures has moved across the street to a larger building and is open there, and another business is being opened in the former Slender You building-but no details on that yet.

Emergency Services-Chair Leon- For the first time in a very long time the Villa Grove Fire Department is fully staffed. An article of this appeared on the WCIA 3 news. Congratulations to the VGFD for all of their hard work in recruiting! Golf cart stickers are due for renewal May 1, 2018. Reminder of the burn ban that is for leaves and grass clippings, but sticks and twigs can be burned.

Franchise Development-Chair Cheely- Clean up days will be June 22-23, 2018.

Public Works- Chair Griffith- Garbage cans at Richman park will be emptied on a regular basis.

Senior Center-Chair Stipp- Nothing to report.

Mayoral Report- Mayor Eversole-Gunter- The Mayor noted all committees are busy and working hard on their plans and goals. We are addressing the parking issue on Railroad Street, but an ordinance update is required to alter the parking designations. Dogs at Richman Park are being reported in the ball diamonds-Please do not let your pets run on the diamonds so we may keep them clean and ready for usage by our community's children.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle L. Osborne, City Clerk

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