

Minutes
City of Villa Grove, Illinois
City Council Regular Meeting
September 24, 2018

CALL TO ORDER—ROLL CALL

The City Council of the City of Villa Grove met in regular session on **Monday, September 24, 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, Johnson, Blaney, Allen, Griffith, and Stipp. Clerk Osborne, City Engineer Andy Kieser, and Department Heads Athey, Craig, Gire, 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 9/10/18-Alderman Leon motioned to approve the minutes of the last regular council meeting held on September 10, 2018. Alderman Allen seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Allen, yea, Griffith, yea, Stipp, yea. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES FROM THE LAST REGULAR PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 8/27/2018-Alderman Allen motioned to approve the closed session minute from the last regular public works committee meeting held 8/27/18. Alderman Leon seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Allen, yea, Griffith, yea, Stipp, yea. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS FOR PAYMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$835,564.73-Alderman Blaney motioned to approve the claims in the amount of **\$835,564.73** to be paid. Alderman Leon seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Allen, yea, Griffith, yea, Stipp, yea. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE MONTH ENDING AUGUST 31, 2018-Alderman Leon motioned to approve the financial statement ending August 31, 2018. Alderman Blaney seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Allen, yea, Griffith, yea, Stipp, yea. Motion carried.

ENGINEER REPORT-Andy Kieser reports the floor will be poured on Thursday on the south side. Equipment will be delivered in mid-October. The hall flooring has been changed to tile instead of carpet with a minimal rise in the cost. East Well issues are being worked out, but the estimate for the pump and motor is \$12,000-\$13,000 for repairs. The West Well will be done first. There will be a change order issued once all expenses are figured. The pump repair is part of the original contract. Main Street will be closed either the week of Oct. 15 or Oct. 22 for the delivery of the equipment. He stated there will be a pay request at the next meeting.

A second project that is being dealt with is the replacement of the chlorinator at the wastewater treatment plant. There has been significant deterioration due to chlorine eroding the equipment. In the time that has elapsed, it is uncertain who was at fault for this issue, thus the agreement to split the cost with Gasvoda and the City. Andy spoke with Gasvoda company representative. They agreed to donate ½ of the cost, if the city of Villa Grove would perform the labor for installation. There will be a new door, fan, switches, electrical panel repairs. Gasvoda would come and inspect the installation and will perform the start up. The estimated cost was \$26,000, so each side will pay \$13,000 each. Andy was instructed by council to get an estimate and details in writing for presentation to the council.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS-Kelly Chapman, Scoutmaster, and Jackson Weissing were present to discuss the plans for the Santa house and moving forward. There was confusion about the type of building and it was determined that the council would supply the plans for the house so that work can progress.

BUSINESS

1. Approval of Water Treatment Plant Contractor Payment No. 4 in the amount of \$229,492.12. There was a consensus from the council for this payment in the last council meeting. Alderman Blaney motioned to approve the payment of the 4th installment to the contractor for the WTP. Alderman Leon seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Blaney, yea, Johnson, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Stipp, yea. Motion carried.

2. Ordinance 2018-MC10-An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the Employment Agreement by the City of Villa Grove for the Position of City Administrator-Alderman Blaney motioned to approve Ordinance 2018-MC10 authorizing the Mayor to execute the City Administrator position. Alderman Leon seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Blaney, yea, Johnson, yea, Griffith, no, Allen, yea, Stipp, no. Motion carried 4 yeas to 2 nos.

3. Establish Trick or Treat hours-Alderman Allen motioned to establish the Trick-or-Treat hours to be on Wed., October 31, 2108 from 5-7 pm. Alderman Griffith seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Blaney, yea, Johnson, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Stipp, yea. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative & Risk Management-Chair Blaney -We received the 1st property tax installment from the County in the amount of \$300,000.

Community Development-Chair Allen- Decorate for Fall Festival and Christmas for the businesses on Main Street-scarecrows in the planters for Fall Festival. Oct. 20 Harvest Festival. The Tug Fest for the Harvest Festival is getting many teams signed up. We have a rope to use. We are in need of fire rings. Band has been changes to Sapphire. Kudos also went out to the Fire Department for their response to a fire the past weekend at Bud's Auto. Alderman Allen was impressed with their speed, professionalism, and coordination he observed during the incident. Well done!

Emergency Services-Chair Leon- Fire Dept. asks for reimbursement to Chuck Black for purchase of kids safety packets for Fire Safety week at the school. Amount is \$679.19. Council gave consensus for the payment. Also, a new radio purchase that allows the fire chief to communicate directly to MetCad during incidences on a special frequency, allowing faster communications for the scene commander. Consensus from council to purchase.

Franchise Development-Chair Johnson- Nothing to report.

Public Works- Chair Griffith- The Water And Sewer department has hired Randy Lake as a laborer and he began today.

Senior Center-Chair Stipp- Nothing to report.

Mayoral Report- Mayor Eversole-Gunter-A thank you to Jackson Weissing for his work on the Santa House project. Also welcome to Randy Lake in the Water and Sewer Department. We are glad to have you here.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION- None.

ADJOURNMENT-With no further business, Alderman Griffith motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m. Alderman Allen seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Johnson, yea Blaney, yea,Griffith, 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