

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

CALL TO ORDER—ROLL CALL

The City Council of the City of Villa Grove met in regular session on **Tuesday, November 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, Johnson, Blaney, Allen, And Griffith, Junior Alderman Mixell and Hutchison. Alderman Stipp was absent. Clerk Osborne, City Administrator Athey, Department Heads Arbuckle and Elston 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 10/22/18-Alderman Allen motioned to approve the minutes of the last regular council meeting held on October 22, 2018. Alderman Leon seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Allen, yea, Griffith, yea Hutchison, yea, Mixell, yea. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS FOR PAYMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$568,095.60-Alderman Leon motioned to approve the claims in the amount of **\$568,095.60** to be paid. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Allen, yea, Griffith, yea Hutchison, yea, Mixell, yea. Motion carried.

Engineer's Report-Andy Kieser was not present for the report, but Department Head Scott Arbuckle updated on the progress of the WTP. The doors and windows will arrive soon, the roof is on, and the electrical underground. The building should be enclosed by the end of November.

PUBLIC COMMENTS-No Public Comments were made.

BUSINESS

1. Ordinance No. 2018-MC14--An Ordinance Adopting and Approving An Amended Redevelopment Plan and Related Redevelopment Projects for the Existing Redevelopment Project Area of the City of Villa Grove, Douglas County, Illinois. Alderman Allen motioned to approve Ordinance No.2018 MC-14, and Alderman Leon seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Allen, yea, Griffith, yea Hutchison, yea, Mixell, yea. Motion carried.

2. Ordinance No. 2018-MC15--An Ordinance Adopting, Ratifying, Approving and Reaffirming Tax Increment Financing for the Redevelopment Project Area of the City of Villa Grove, Douglas County, Illinois Alderman Allen motioned to approve Ordinance 2018-MC15 Ratifying the TIF Redevelopment project area, and Alderman Griffith seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Allen, yea, Griffith, yea Hutchison, yea, Mixell, yea. Motion carried.

3. Ordinance No. 2018-MC16--An Ordinance Prohibiting the Use of Groundwater as a Potable Water Supply by the Installation or Use of Potable Water Supply Wells or by Any Other Method. Alderman Leon motioned to approve Ordinance 2018 MC-16 concerning use of Potable water supply wells. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Allen, yea, Griffith, yea Hutchison, yea, Mixell, yea. Motion carried.

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4. Approve payment of monthly statement from Bud's Auto Parts - \$159.98. Alderman Allen recused himself. Alderman Leon motioned to approve the payment of the Bud's Auto Parts bill in the amount of \$159.98. Alderman Griffith seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea Hutchison, yea, Mixell, yea. Motion carried.

5. Approval of WTP Contractor Payment No. 6 - \$447,662.89 -Alderman Blaney motioned to approve the contractor payment no. 6 for the WTP in the amount of \$447,662.89. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Allen, yea, Griffith, yea Hutchison, yea, Mixell, yea. Motion carried.

6. Approve Mayor's appointment of Michael Broeker as Building Inspector-Alderman Allen motioned to accept the appointment of Michael Broeker to the position of Building Inspector. Alderman Blaney seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Allen, yea, Griffith, yea Hutchison, yea, Mixell, yea. Motion carried.

7. Possible revisions to the City's peddling codes concerning food truck operations-Alderman Griffith motioned to approve revised hours in the Peddler's ordinance to include a specific paragraph about food truck operation hours to extend past dusk, immediately taking effect. Alderman Blaney seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Allen, yea, Griffith, yea Hutchison, yea, Mixell, yea. Motion carried.

8. Request for support from Operation G.I.F.T. -Alderman Blaney motioned to approve a donation to Operation G.I.F.T. in the amount of \$200. Alderman Allen seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Allen, yea, Griffith, yea Hutchison, yea, Mixell, yea. Motion carried.

9. Announcement of tentative 2018 Property Tax Levy amount-The amount of the tentative property tax levy was announced as **\$299,515.05**.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative & Risk Management-Chair Blaney -Blaney attended an Ameren seminar in Springfield and reported back about their program that gives funding for street lighting that may be applied for the new WTP and the lights on Main Street. Further information will be reported upon as available.

Community Development-Chair Johnson-The Christmas Tree Lighting Festival Fundraiser held on Nov. 4 raised \$1100 to go towards the cost of the Festival. Merchants will decorate windows for the festival, and the tree will be lit at 6:00 pm on Nov. 24, 2018. Vendors will be either on the tennis courts or at the VFW in case of inclement weather.

Emergency Services-Chair Leon- Fire Chief Elston was present and explained they have purchased a shipping container that can be used for fire training. This was purchased with their restricted funds and should arrive by the end of the month. Location will be at the west edge of town on city property. This will allow for training on a regular basis.

Franchise Development-Chair Stipp- Nothing to report.

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Public Works- Chair Allen-The leaf vacuum is in the third week of operation and is going well. The process is, however, very labor intensive.

Senior Center-Chair Griffith- Meals served: Sept.-84 and home deliveries were 192. October meals served were 109 with home deliveries of 220. There were a total of 4 new participants but also, sadly reporting the deaths of two members. November 28 will be the Friendsgiving meal from 10-2 at the Senior Center. Please call Kris to make a reservation. Meal cost if \$3.50.

Mayoral Report- Mayor Eversole-Gunter-A thank you to Bruce Allen and Scott Arbuckle for moving the Santa house in place by the Christmas Tree on Main Street. Nov. 17-decorating will happen at the house. Volunteers Julie Woller and Julie Woller, Sr. will be directing the decorating process beginning at 9 am. Please join in if you can! Owen Piercy and his crew deserve a huge thanks for putting the lights on the tree with their lift. Jackson Wiessing did an amazing job with the house and we are so thankful for his donation of time and talent! Hours for Santa visits were discussed as:

11/24/18: 3 pm at the grocery store until 6 pm.

12/1/18: Library from 9-11 am

12/8/18: 4Way Stop Restaurant-9-11 am

12/15/18: Breakfast with Santa at Tri-City Country Club-reservations required-from 9-11 am. The VFW will be donating the gift bags of treats on that day.

Be sure to bring the little ones out to get their pictures with Santa!

For the Festival: Weather contingency plans-vendors at the VFW and Children's games at The Scoop. The Library also has activities for the kids.

Please join the Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving morning at 7 am in front on the Chix in Training Studio on Main Street.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- None.

ADJOURNMENT-With no further business, Alderman Allen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 p.m. Alderman Blaney seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Johnson, yea Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Hutchison, yea, Mixell, yea. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Osborne

Michelle L. Osborne, City Clerk

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