

Minutes
City of Villa Grove, Illinois
City Council Meeting
February 11, 2019

CALL TO ORDER—ROLL CALL

The City Council of the City of Villa Grove met in regular session on **Monday, February 11, 2019**, 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, Griffith, Allen, Junior Alderman Hutchison and Mixell. Aldermen Blaney and Stipp were absent. Clerk Osborne, City Administrator Athey, Department Heads Arbuckle, Gire, Elston, Craig 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 1/28/19-Alderman Leon motioned to approve the minutes of the last regular council meeting held on January 28, 2019. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Johnson, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Junior Alderman Hutchison, yea, Mixell, yea. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF THE LAST REGULAR MEETING HELD ON 1/28/19-Alderman Leon motioned to approve the minutes of the last regular council closed session meeting held on January 28, 2019. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Johnson, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS FOR PAYMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$235,098.19-Alderman Leon motioned to approve the payment of claims in the amount of **\$235,098.19**. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Johnson, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Junior Alderman Hutchison, yea, Mixell, yea. Motion carried.

ENGINEERING REPORT-No engineering report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS-No Public Comments were made.

BUSINESS

- 1. Approve payment of monthly statement from Bud's Auto Parts-\$280.25.** Alderman Leon motioned to approve the payment of the monthly Bud's Auto Parts statement in amount of \$280.25. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Johnson, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, recused, Junior Alderman Hutchison, yea Junior Alderman Mixell, yea. Motion carried.

- 2. Approve hiring of senior center coordinator** Alderman Allen motioned to approve hiring Robin Cowman for the position of Senior Center Coordinator. Alderman Griffith seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Johnson, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Junior Alderman Hutchison, yea, Mixell, yea. Motion carried.

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3. **Approve hiring of recreation program director**-Alderman Allen motioned to hire Heath Wilson as the Recreation Program Director. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Johnson, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Junior Alderman Hutchison, yea, Mixell, yea. Motion carried.
4. **Approval of WTP Contractor Payment No. 9 -\$683,181.86**-Alderman Leon motioned to approve WTP Contractor Payment No. 9 in the amount of \$683,181.86. Alderman Allen seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Johnson, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Junior Alderman Hutchison, yea, Mixell, yea. Motion carried.
5. **Establishment of Dates for the Annual City Clean Up Days**-Alderman Allen motioned to set the dates for the Annual City Wide Clean Up as June 21 and 22, 2019. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Johnson, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Junior Alderman Hutchison, yea, Mixell, yea. Motion carried.
6. **Accept Resignation of Police Officer Jeff Bachman**-Alderman Leon motioned to accept, with regret, the resignation of Police Office Jeff Bachman, effective Feb. 15, 2019. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Johnson, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Junior Alderman Hutchison, yea, Mixell, yea. Motion carried.
7. **Approval of Anticipated Closure Dates for City Hall Relocation in May**-Alderman Allen motioned to approve closing City Hall May 20-22, 2019, for moving to the new offices in the Water Treatment Plant. Alderman Griffith seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Johnson, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Junior Alderman Hutchison, yea, Mixell, yea. Motion carried.
8. **Approval of purchase of CA-6 Rock and Hauling for Street repairs**-Alderman Allen motioned to approve the purchase of the CA-6 rock and the hauling fees for streets and alleys. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Johnson, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Junior Alderman Hutchison, yea, Mixell, yea. Motion carried.
9. **Approval to Waive Bidding and to seek proposals for stump grinding/removal**-Alderman Allen motioned to waive the bidding and to seek proposals for stump grinding and removal of 38 stumps. Alderman Leon seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Johnson, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Junior Alderman Hutchison, yea, Mixell, yea. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative & Risk Management-Chair Blaney –Blaney was absent, but Mayor Eversole-Gunter reminded everyone to work on their budgets.

Community Development-Chair Johnson-The next meeting will be 2/26/19 at 5 pm. Heath Wilson has accepted the position of Director of recreation programs and Steve Douglas has agreed to take over the concession stand operations. The new Park Board will be appointed at the next meeting of the board on 2/26/19 at 6 pm.

Emergency Services-Chair Leon- Complaints of the speeding on Main Street. Also a reminder to citizens that there is an ordinance on the books to remove your pet's waste. We are in desperate need of daytime firefighters-please help to spread the word!

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Franchise Development-Chair Stipp-Alderman Stipp was absent, but Mayor reported that there are discussions going with the waste removal company about making some possible changes to the recycling service. Advanced Disposal has given statistics on how much recycling is collected every week. To make the program more effective and use fewer fossil fuels to collect it, they would like to move the recycling to every 2 weeks. They would bring larger dumpsters for the recycling. This will be put to a vote at the next meeting.

Public Works- Chair Allen-Ag Days will be August 2-4, 2019. There will be an Ag Days meeting open to everyone held next week. Volunteers are needed!

Senior Center-Chair Griffith-Robin Cowman, the new Peace Meal Director and coordinator for the Senior Center has many new ideas to help expand the program and to bring people in. We welcome her to the team.

Mayoral Report- There will be a meeting at 1 pm on 2/12/19 with multiple groups to discuss more ideas for expanding the Senior program, some examples are intergenerational programming, rebranding the program, and updates.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- No Closed Session needed.

ADJOURNMENT-With no further business, Alderman Leon motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Johnson, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, JA Hutchison, yea, JA Mixell, yea. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle L. Osborne, City Clerk

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