

Minutes
City Council Regular Meeting
March 11, 2019

CALL TO ORDER—ROLL CALL

The City Council of the City of Villa Grove met in regular session on **Monday, March 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, Blaney, Griffith, Allen, Junior Alderman Hutchison and Mixell. Aldermen Stipp was absent. Clerk Osborne, City Administrator Athey, Department Head Gire 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 2/25/19-Alderman Allen motioned to approve the minutes of the last regular council meeting held on February 25, 2019. Alderman Leon seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Junior Aldermen Hutchison, yea, Mixell, yea. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS FOR PAYMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$820,409.69-Alderman Allen motioned to approve the payment of claims in the amount of **\$820,409.69**. Alderman Leon seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Junior Aldermen Hutchison, yea, Mixell, yea. Motion carried.

ENGINEERING REPORT-Andy Kieser, Engineer was present to give updates on the progress of the plant and reported the following: The control systems are started, the filters backwashed; scrubbers in service. April 15 is the target Go LIVE date! Mentioned having a possible Open House for the project this summer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS-Nancy Wylie and Jeff Hubbart were present to request an extension on the citation received for them to remove the chickens they are raising in their yard, by way of changing the ordinance to include chickens and rabbits.

BUSINESS

- 1. Approval for engineering services from Fehr Graham in relation to the IDOT Bridge replacement on Route 130.** The bid letting for this project will occur with the State in Fall of 2019 at IDOT. The engineering services are for preliminary determination of work and are not to exceed \$9500. Alderman Allen motioned to approve the contract for engineering services in the amount of \$9500 maximum. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Junior Aldermen Hutchison, yea, Mixell, yea. Motion carried.
- 2. Approval of WTP Contractor Payment No. 10-\$328,302.71**-Alderman Blaney motioned to approve WTP Contractor payment No. 10. Alderman Leon seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Junior Aldermen Hutchison, yea, Mixell, yea. Motion carried.

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- 3. Approval of WTP Change Orders 4,5,6 in the amount of \$34,119.57-**Alderman Allen motioned to approve the WTP Change Orders 4,5,6 for repairs to well motor, sewer service, and placement of a water barrier to the floor. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Junior Aldermen Hutchison, yea, Mixell, yea. Motion carried.
- 4. Approval of payment of monthly statement to Bud's Auto Parts-\$225.34-**Alderman Leon motioned to pay the monthly statement amount of \$225.34 to Bud's Auto Parts. Alderman Blaney seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, Recused himself, Junior Aldermen Hutchison, yea, Mixell, yea. Motion carried.
- 5. Approve drafting/execution of proposed amendment to the franchise agreement with Advanced Disposal concerning recycling service and yard waste collection-**Alderman Blaney motioned to approve the proposed amendment to the Advanced Disposal contract. Alderman Allen seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Junior Aldermen Hutchison, yea, Mixell, yea. Motion carried.
- 6. Approve proposal for grinding and removal of 39 tree stumps-**Alderman Blaney motioned to accept the lowest bid for the removal of 39 tree stumps from Coon Tree Service at the cost of \$4275. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Junior Aldermen Hutchison, yea, Mixell, yea. Motion carried.
- 7. Approve Hiring of new Police Officer-**Alderman Allen motioned to approve the hiring of the police officer candidate chosen by Chief Gire. Alderman Leon seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Junior Aldermen Hutchison, yea, Mixell, yea. Motion carried.
- 8. Approve City Administrator Athey to attend summer conferences-**Alderman Blaney motioned to approve City Administrator Jacki Athey to attend multiple conferences between June and August 2019 for retention of professional certifications and further professional development. Alderman Leon seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Junior Aldermen Hutchison, yea, Mixell, yea. Motion carried.
- 9. Approval to Execute loan documents to finance wastewater treatment plant repairs-\$521,000-**Alderman Allen motioned to approve obtaining a loan for the repair of the wastewater treatment plant in amount of \$521,000. This does include a grant in the amount of \$117,00 from Ameren for project completion. Alderman Leon seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Junior Aldermen Hutchison, yea, Mixell, yea. Motion carried.
- 10. Approval for purchase of a 4 inch gas trash pump in the amount of \$2350-**Alderman Blaney motioned to approve the purchase of a gas trash pump with 4 inch line in the amount \$2350. Alderman Allen seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Junior Aldermen Hutchison, yea, Mixell, yea. Motion carried.

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- 11. Approval for purchase of a new mower deck in the amount of \$4970-**Alderman Allen motioned to approve the purchase of a new mower deck in the amount of \$4970. Alderman Griffith seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Junior Aldermen Hutchison, yea, Mixell, yea. Motion carried.
- 12. Approval for purchase for hauling rock for easement access-\$3040-**Alderman Allen motioned to approve the purchase of hauling rock for the easement in the amount of \$3040. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Junior Aldermen Hutchison, yea, Mixell, yea. Motion carried.
- 13. Approval for purchase of second shipping container for Fire Department training-\$2500-**Alderman Allen motioned to approve the purchase of a second shipping container for use by the VGFD for training purposes in the amount of up to \$2500. Alderman Blaney seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Junior Aldermen Hutchison, yea, Mixell, yea. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative & Risk Management-Chair Blaney –Blaney asked for a consensus to purchase office billing supplies-year’s worth for an amount over \$1,000. Consensus was given and vote will be at next meeting.

Community Development-Chair Johnson- April 6 will be the cleanup day at Henson Park. 9 am begins the day. Park Board has chosen to stay with the current baseball league due to time constraints of the upcoming season. Donations are coming in for the improvements to the empty lot on Main Street between Jr’s and the Scoop.

Emergency Services-Chair Leon- Nothing to report.

Franchise Development-Chair Stipp-Negotiations are beginning with Ambulance and Advanced Disposal franchise agreements.

Public Works- Chair Allen-Spraying for poison ivy at the John Leon Park Reservoir. \$1,000 cost in April. Larry Vandever has contacted the Mayor about any projects for Eagle Scouts. Suggestions from council were painting the park signs, creating aquatic habitats for fish at the reservoirs.

Senior Center-Chair Griffith-Nothing to report.

Mayoral Report- Nothing additional to report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-Alderman Blaney motioned to move to Closed Session at 6:59 pm under the Open Meetings Act according to Section 2(c)(1) of 5 ILCS 120(2) Exceptions to Open Meetings act for discussion, appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employee, with no further action after return to open session. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea. Motion Carried. Council returned to Open Session at 8:05pm.

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ADJOURNMENT-With no further business, Alderman Blaney motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Johnson, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea. Motion carried and meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michelle L. Osborne".

Michelle L. Osborne, City Clerk

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