

**Minutes
City Council Regular Meeting
March 25, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER—ROLL CALL

The City Council of the City of Villa Grove met in regular session on **Monday, March 25, 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, Stipp, Junior Alderman Hutchison and Mixell. Clerk Osborne, City Administrator Athey, Department Head Gire, Chad Osterbur from Fehr Graham, 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 3/11/19-Alderman Leon motioned to approve the minutes of the last regular council meeting held on March 11, 2019. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Stipp, present, Junior Aldermen Hutchison, yea, Mixell, yea. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES FROM 3/11/19-Alderman Leon motioned to approve the closed session minutes from the regular council meeting held March 11, 2019. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Stipp, present.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS FOR PAYMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$497,299.08-Alderman Leon motioned to approve the payment of claims in the amount of **\$497,299.08**. Alderman Allen seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Stipp, yea, Junior Aldermen Hutchison, yea, Mixell, yea. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF MONTH ENDING 2/28/2019-Alderman Blaney motioned to approve the financial statements of the month ending February 28, 2019. Alderman Leon seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Stipp, yea, Junior Aldermen Hutchison, yea, Mixell, yea. Motion carried.

ENGINEERING REPORT-Chad Osterbur reported on the motor fuel tax maps for road repairs.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

BUSINESS

- 1. Approve or deny ordinance change requested by constituent concerning livestock kept within City Limits.** Jeff Hubbart and Nancy Wylie spoke concerning the ordinance that limits livestock in the city. They are requesting for permission to continue to have chickens at their residence. Current ordinance states residents must obtain prior approval in written form, from the City Board of Health to have permission to keep chickens. Alderman Leon motioned to deny changing the current ordinance. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, no, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Stipp, yea, Junior Aldermen Hutchison, yea, Mixell, yea. Motion carried to keep the ordinance as written. Matter was also referred to the Board of Health for further research and discussion.

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- 2. Approval of purchase of utility billing printed forms-**A consensus was given at prior meeting to make the purchase of the utility billing printed forms due to an immediate need for the order, which would be over \$1000 spending limit for City Manager to approve. Alderman Allen Leon motioned to approve the purchase of the utility billing printed forms. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Stipp, yea, Junior Aldermen Hutchison, yea, Mixell, yea. Motion carried.
- 3. Approval of resolution for the Motor Fuel Tax plan for 2019-**The current year amount available is \$90,000 and Chad Osterbus from Fehr Graham explained the plan. Alderman Leon motioned to approve the MFT plan for 2019. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Stipp, yea, Junior Aldermen Hutchison, yea, Mixell, yea. Motion carried.
- 4. Approve contract for fireworks with Melrose Pyrotechnics-**Alderman Blaney motioned to approve the contract with Melrose Pyrotechnics for the fireworks display on July 7, 2019 in the amount of \$11,500. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Stipp, yea, Junior Aldermen Hutchison, yea, Mixell, yea. Motion carried.
- 5. Approve equipment sharing agreement with Philip Jones-**Alderman Allen motioned to approve an agreement with private citizen Philip Jones for the city to have use of some heavy equipment he owns, renting on an as needed basis outlined in the agreement. Alderman Griffith seconded the motion. Roll call: Leon, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Stipp, yea, Junior Aldermen Hutchison, yea, Mixell, yea. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative & Risk Management-Chair Blaney –The next meeting will be held at 2 pm on Wed. March 27, 2019 and will discuss the budget. July there will be a Quilt Shop Hop involving Trisa’s Quilting Corner, part of the 9 towns participating. this should be a great draw to the City.

Community Development-Chair Johnson- There will be a committee meeting following the council meeting this evening to discuss the cooperative agreement between the City of VG and the School for use of the ball diamonds, especially during construction projects at the school next year. They will lose use of the softball field. The Park Board met and the teams have been set and they discussed the improvements needed and plans.

Emergency Services-Chair Leon- Nothing to report.

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Franchise Development-Chair Stipp-There will be a meeting at 6 pm on Wed. March 27, 2019 to discuss the Ambulance agreement.

Public Works- Chair Allen- An Ag Days meeting will be held Tues. March 26 at 6 pm at City Hall. All are invited. The leaf vacuum schedule will begin within the next 2 weeks for picking up leaves. April 6 is the clean up day at Henson Park from 9-2. The Street lights will be replaced by Ameren on Main Street at no charge. Removal of old poles and replacement of new ones with wood poles-at no charge. April 27 will be the landscape pickup with Advanced Disposal. Harrison Park repairs made to a Force Main that broke in 2 places and 2 water valves were replaced.

Senior Center-Chair Griffith-105 deliveries and an increase in attendance were reported. Robin attended a meeting in Mattoon for training, and there was a donation given in honor of John and Shirley Jones by the ABL School district, and Robin has started a FaceBook page.

Mayoral Report- Nothing additional to report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-No Closed Session

ADJOURNMENT-With no further business, Alderman Blaney motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Roll call: Leon, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Stipp, yea, Junior Aldermen Hutchison, yea, Mixell, yea. Motion carried and meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle L. Osborne, City Clerk

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