

Minutes
City Council Regular Meeting
May 28, 2019

CALL TO ORDER—ROLL CALL

The City Council of the City of Villa Grove met in regular session on **Tuesday, May 28, 2019**, in Council Chambers. Mayor Eversole-Gunter called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. Roll call found the following members present: Alderman Hooker, Johnson, Blaney, Griffith, Allen, and Garrett. Junior Alderman Hutchison and Mixell were absent. Clerk Osborne, Fire Department Representative Chris Elston and City Manager Athey, 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 the MINUTES OF THE LAST REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 4/22/19-Alderman Allen motioned to approve the minutes of the last regular council meeting held on April 22, 2019. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call: Hooker, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Garrett, yea. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF the MINUTES OF THE LAST REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 5/13/19-Alderman Allen motioned to approve the minutes of the last regular council meeting held on May 13,2019. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call: Hooker, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Garrett, yea. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS FOR PAYMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$128,019.53 for FY 19-Alderman Allen motioned to approve the payment of claims for FY 19 in the amount of \$128,019.53. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call: Hooker, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Garrett, yea. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS FOR PAYMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19, 454.83 for FY 20-Alderman Allen motioned to approve the payment of claims for FY 20 in the amount of **\$19, 454.83**. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call: Hooker, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Garrett, yea. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS of MONTH ENDING 4/30/19. Alderman Allen motioned to approve the financial statements of month ending 4/30/19. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call: Hooker, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Garrett, yea. Motion carried.

ENGINEERING REPORT-No Report

PUBLIC COMMENTS-Chris Elston from the VG Fire Department stated they are in need of more volunteers. They have lost quite a few people over the last year and especially for days, there just are not enough volunteers. Please spread the word!

BUSINESS

1. **Approve quote from Two Men and a Truck for packing and moving of City Hall Offices to new building-total of \$1750**-The council gave a consensus during the last meeting to hire them. Alderman Allen motioned to approve the quote from Two Men and a Truck for moving in the amount of \$1750. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call: Hooker, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, recused, Griffith, yea, Allen, yea, Garrett, yea. Motion carried.

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2. **Approve the purchase of a lightbar for the fire department cost of \$1850-**Alderman Allen motioned to approve the purchase of a new lightbar for the fire department at a cost of \$1850. Alderman Hooker seconded the motion. Roll call: Hooker, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Garrett, yea. Motion carried.

3. **Approval of purchase of tables and chairs for the Senior Center.** Alderman Allen motioned to approve the purchase of tables and chairs for the Senior Center at an approximate cost of \$2850. Alderman Hooker seconded the motion. Roll call: Hooker, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Garrett, yea. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative & Risk Management-Chair Blaney-Weather vanes to be installed on the ESB-get quotes for installation from an electrician. A consensus was given by council to pursue a potential name change for the Senior Center to reflect a broader audience for programming.

Community Development-Chair Johnson- The Youth Fishing Tournament will be held June 8 at John Leon Park from 10 am to 2 pm. Registration is at 9 am, and it is free. Next meeting for committee will be Monday, June 3, 2019 at 6:00 pm in council chambers to discuss Street Festival guidelines and usage agreements for the Main Street Plaza.

Emergency Services-Chair Hooker- Concerns were brought up about street repairs and questions about the TIF district.

Franchise Development-Mayor Eversole-Gunter said the ambulance contract needs settled and creating the Intergovernmental Agreement for services to be signed by all participants.

Public Works- Chair Allen-There is a need for the purchase of a water jetter. one is available at an auction coming up in Tolono. Council agreed to give a consensus to proceed with a maximum bid of \$15,000. VFW has asked for permission to block the South end of Main Street for a Bike a thon fundraiser. Council agreed. A consensus was also given to get a bid for engineering services for a Streetscape on Main Street. The question was also brought up about doing the entire project now with a loan from VGSB, and they have also said they will contribute to part of the costs. Further discussion will have to be completed in committee.

Senior Center-Chair Griffith- Nothing to report.

Mayoral Report- Clean up days will be held June 21-22, 2019. All council members are asked to assist with working on the days to help avoid paying overtime to city employees.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION-Alderman Johnson motioned to move to Closed Session at 7:52 pm under the Open Meetings Act According to Section 2(c)(6) of 5ILCS/120/2 Exceptions to the Open Meeting act for the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the City. No further action will be taken upon returning to open session. Alderman Blaney seconded the motion. Roll call: Hooker, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Garrett, yea. Motion carried. Council returned to open session at 8:07 pm.

ADJOURNMENT-With no further business, Alderman Hooker motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m. Alderman Garrett seconded the motion. Roll call: Hooker, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Garrett, 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