

**Minutes**  
**City Council Regular Meeting**  
**June 10, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER—ROLL CALL**

The City Council of the City of Villa Grove met in regular session on **Monday, June 10, 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 Hooker, Johnson, Blaney, Allen, and Garrett. Alderman Griffith was absent. Clerk Osborne 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 5/28/19**-Alderman Blaney motioned to approve the minutes of the last regular council meeting held on May 28, 2019. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call: Hooker, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Allen, yea, Garrett, yea. Motion carried.

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

**APPROVAL OF the CLOSED MINUTES OF THE LAST REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 5/28/19**-Alderman Blaney motioned to approve the closed minutes of the last regular council meeting held on May 28, 2019. Alderman Allen seconded the motion. Roll call: Hooker, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Allen, yea, Garrett, yea. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS FOR PAYMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$209,647.59**-Alderman Blaney motioned to approve the payment of claims in the amount of **\$209,647.59**. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call: Hooker, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Allen, yea, Garrett, yea. Motion carried.

**ENGINEERING REPORT**-No report

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**- Mike Leon asked about the July 4th Freedom Celebration plans to be held on July 7. A larger discussion ensued and some items were brought up that need to be coordinated for that day's celebration. Leon also asked about mosquito control and the status of the water main update in McCoy addition.

**BUSINESS**

1. **Ordinance No. 2019-MC07-An Ordinance Establishing Committee of the Whole**-Alderman Blaney motioned to approve Ordinance 2019-MC07 to establish Committee of the Whole. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call: Hooker, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Allen, yea, Garrett, yea. Motion carried.
  
2. **Approval of hiring an engineer to begin the Downtown Streetscape design work**-Alderman Blaney motioned to approve hiring of an engineer to begin the Downtown Streetscape design. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call: Hooker, abstain, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Allen, yea, Garrett, yea. Motion carried.

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3. **Approval of monthly Bud's Auto Parts Statement-Alderman** Blaney motioned to approve payment of the monthly Bud's Auto Parts bill in the amount of \$144.67. Alderman Hooker seconded the motion. Roll call: Hooker, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Allen, recused, Garrett, yea. Motion carried.
4. **Approval of MFT Bids for summer oil and chip work-\$29,998 and Tilling work-\$19,218.75-Alderman** Blaney motioned to approve hiring the Earl Walker Paving company for summer oil and chip and also for tilling road work. They were the only bidder. Alderman Garrett seconded the motion. Roll call: Hooker, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Allen, yea, Garrett, yea. Motion carried.
5. **Approval of WTP Contractor Payment No. 13- \$76,292.60-Alderman** Allen motioned to approve payment No. 13 to the WTP Contractor in the amount of **\$76,292.60**. Alderman Hooker seconded the motion. Roll call: Hooker, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Allen, yea, Garrett, yea. Motion carried.
6. **Approval of WTP Change Order No. 7-\$1,175.32-Alderman** Hooker motioned to approve the WTP Change order No. 7 in the amount of \$1,175.32. Alderman Garrett seconded the motion. Roll call: Hooker, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Allen, yea, Garrett, yea. Motion carried.
7. **Approve purchase of Line Stop materials from Water Fund in the amount of \$16,465.77-Alderman** Blaney motioned to approve the purchase of Line stop materials from the water fund in the amount of \$16,465.77. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call: Hooker, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Allen, yea, Garrett, yea. Motion carried.
8. **Approve Thomas Electric invoice for Henson Park concession stand repairs-Alderman** Hooker motioned to approve the invoice for payment to Thomas Electric for concession stand repairs at Henson Park. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call: Hooker, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Allen, yea, Garrett, yea. Motion carried.
9. **Waiving of formal bid process to solicit proposals for security fencing at the water plant-** Alderman Blaney motioned to waive the formal bid process for proposals for security fencing for the water plant. Alderman Garrett seconded the motion. Roll call: Hooker, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Allen, yea, Garrett, yea. Motion carried.
10. **Approval of purchase of employee past service credit with IMRF in the amount of \$69,055.07-Alderman** Blaney motioned to purchase past credit with IMRF for employee in the amount of \$69,055.07. Alderman Garrett seconded the motion. Roll call: Hooker, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Allen, yea, Garrett, yea. Motion carried.
11. **Acceptance of retirement notice from Harold 'Rusty' Craig effective 6/28/2019-Alderman** Blaney motioned to accept the retirement of Harold 'Rusty' Craig effective 6/28/2019 from the City of Villa Grove. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call: Hooker, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Allen, yea, Garrett, yea. Motion carried.

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**12. Approval to advertise or hire full time position effective 7/1/19-**Alderman Allen motioned to approve advertising or hiring full time position. Alderman Garrett seconded the motion. Roll call: Hooker, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Allen, yea, Garrett, yea. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Administrative & Risk Management-Chair Blaney–Updated Senior Center improvements, the Summer Program began and volunteers are needed to assist with the children and meals. Bid opening for electric work by Thomas Electric. The amount of \$1200 and a consensus was given to proceed.

Community Development-Chair Johnson- The Fishing tournament had about 20 kids participate. Festival guidelines updates were decided at the committee meeting. Friday, 6/21 and Saturday, 6/22 area Clean Up Days.

Emergency Services-Chair Leon- The Fire Department has not been able to power wash the signs at the parks yet due to the weather being too wet. They hope to be able to do that in the coming week.

Franchise Development- The ambulance contract is stalled by Murdock and Longview and we are working to resolve the issues.

Public Works- Chair Allen-The street vacuum was not purchased as it went too high in the auction. The Poison Ivy around the John Leon Park was sprayed.

Senior Center-Chair Griffith- no report

Mayoral Report- no updates to add

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**-Alderman Hooker motioned to move to closed session at 7:20 pm, according to Section 2(c)(1) of 5 ILCS/120/2 Exceptions to the Open Meetings Act for the appointment, compensation, discipline, of specific employees and 2(c)(2) for Collective negotiating matters between the city and its employees. Alderman Garrett seconded the motion. Roll call: Hooker, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Allen, yea, Garrett, yea. Motion carried. Further action will be taken upon return to open session. Council returned to open session at 8:16 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**-With no further business, Alderman Hooker motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Alderman Garrett seconded the motion. Roll call: Hooker, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Allen, yea, Garrett, yea. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle L. Osborne, City Clerk

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