

**Minutes**  
**City Council Regular Meeting**  
**July 08, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER—ROLL CALL**

The City Council of the City of Villa Grove met in regular session on **Monday, July 8, 2019**, in Council Chambers. Mayor Pro Tem Blaney called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call found the following members present: Alderman Hooker, Johnson, Blaney, Allen, Griffith and Garrett. Junior Alderman Hutchison, Clerk Osborne, and City Administrator Athey were present. Mayor Eversole-Gunter was absent. 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 6/24/19**-Alderman Griffith motioned to approve the minutes of the last regular council meeting held on June 24, 2019. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call: Hooker, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Allen, yea, Griffith, yea, Garrett, yea, JA Hutchison, yea. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF the CLOSED MINUTES OF THE LAST REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6/24/19**-Alderman Hooker motioned to approve the closed minutes of the last regular council meeting held on June 24, 2019. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call: Hooker, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Allen, yea, Griffith, yea, Garrett, yea. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS FOR PAYMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$177,900.95**-Alderman Garrett motioned to approve the payment of claims in the amount of **\$177,900.95**. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call: Hooker, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Allen, yea, Griffith, yea, Garrett, yea, JA Hutchison, yea. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF REVISED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE MONTH ENDING APRIL 30,2019**-Alderman Hooker motioned to approve the revised financial statements for the month ending April 30,2019. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call: Hooker, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Allen, yea, Griffith, yea, Garrett, yea, JA Hutchison, yea. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE MONTH ENDING MAY 31,2019**-Alderman Johnson motioned to approve the financial statements for the month ending May 31, 2019. Alderman Garrett seconded the motion. Roll call: Hooker, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Allen, yea, Griffith, yea, Garrett, yea, JA Hutchison, yea. Motion carried.

**ENGINEERING REPORT**-Andy Kieser reported the Equipment manufacturer will meet tomorrow with Scott Arbuckle for tweaks to the water plant. They are researching financing for demo of the old plant and completing the McCoy work. Fehr Graham offered to supply employees to give tours of the new plant during Ag Days Festival. Andy did not agree with the fencing suggestion for the plant and recommended further research for quotes.

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS**-Allen Nelk and some of his neighbors were in attendance to ask about properties in their neighborhood that are in disrepair. There is garbage on the properties, the houses have structural repairs that are needed, and other messes. These are at 22A and 28 Hancock Drive.

Greg Harbin spoke about the issues of holes left in yards from last year's Ameren project and if those will be fixed.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORTS**-A Thank You to Bruce Allen for direction on July 7 at the Freedom Festival to help keep things running smoothly. There was a good turnout of vendors and participation from people. The fireworks were very nice and well received. The Public Works department was praised for their hard work in preparing the park and cleaning it up after the event.

Other items to be considered in next meetings:

-Hiring someone to clean Council Chambers Building

-How to deal with ordinance violations on a more regular basis-consider appointing someone to this position?

-Rebranding of the Senior Citizen's Hall

-Discussion a rental ordinance for all city properties concerning alcohol.

-A report on concessions will be given after the next Park Board meeting.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

Public Works changes and the transition is progressing. Large upcoming projects being planned for include the IDOT Bridge work on Rte. 130. Lines have to be moved in preparation for this, but the weather has made that difficult and delayed the work.

There is no news on the grant status yet.

Audit preparation is happening in anticipation of August Audit.

EMA will have a disaster drill in Tuscola the first part of December.

There is an Enterprise Zone meeting to be held soon in Tuscola.

We have no TIF updates yet.

**OTHER REPORTS**- Public Works needs to take care of a large branch in the drainage ditch on Vine Street. The scoreboard at Henson isn't working due to a missing controller. Also, Richman park scoreboard did not get fixed.

**MAYORAL REPORT**-Mayor was absent-no report.

**BUSINESS**

1. **Approve payment of monthly Bud's Auto Parts bill-\$15.10**- Alderman Garrett motioned to approve the payment of Bud's Auto Parts bill in amount of \$15.10. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call: Hooker, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Allen, Recused, Griffith, yea, Garrett, yea, JA Hutchison, yea. Motion carried.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION-None needed**

**ADJOURNMENT**-With no further business, Alderman Hooker motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Alderman Garrett seconded the motion. Roll call: Hooker, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Allen, yea, Griffith, yea, Garrett. Motion carried.

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