

Minutes
City Council Regular Meeting
November 12, 2019

CALL TO ORDER—ROLL CALL

The City Council of the City of Villa Grove met in regular session on **Monday, November 12, 2019**, in Council Chambers. Mayor Eversole Gunter called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. Roll call found the following members present: Alderman Hooker, Blaney, Johnson, Allen, and Garrett, Junior Aldermen Hutchison and Mixell. Alderman Griffith was absent. Clerk Osborne, and City Administrator Athey, and Police Chief Gire were also present. No Public members were in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE -The Mayor stood and led all attendees in The Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF the CONSENT AGENDA-Alderman Hooker motioned to approve the following Consent Agenda and a second was given by Alderman Allen. Roll Call: Hooker yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Allen, yea, Garrett, yea, Junior Alderman Hutchison, yea, JA Mixell, yea. Motion passed.:

1. **MINUTES OF THE LAST REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING, HELD OCTOBER 15, 2019**
2. **MINUTES OF THE LAST REGULAR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING, HELD OCTOBER 28, 2019**
3. **CLAIMS FOR PAYMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$328,699.21**
4. **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE MONTH ENDING SEPTEMBER 30,2019**
5. **CASH BALANCE REPORT FOR THE MONTH ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2019**
6. **RENTAL OF PLANNER FOR STREET WORK -\$1400.00**
7. **PURCHASE OF ANGLE BROOM FOR BOBCAT-\$5,761.60**
8. **REIMBURSEMENTS FOR CAMARGO TOWNSHIP LIBRARY-\$8,000**

PUBLIC COMMENTS-No public comments were made.

ENGINEERING REPORT-Engineers from all areas were at the water plant today to discuss the Scrubber issue and determine a solution. There will be a meeting with the Streetscape designer the first week of December.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT-Alderman Allen has been asked by some citizens who would like to have restrooms open at Henson Park for people who exercise there throughout the winter. Discussion is that there was not a feasible way to do this. A possibility of another Salt Truck being added to the Public Works was discussed. The Chamber of Commerce Dinner is Nov. 13, 2019. at Tri-City Country Club, Social hour at 6:30 pm, Dinner at 7pm and it is \$15 per person.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Announcement of the Tax Levy amount of \$307,232.86-There was an overall decrease of the EAV by \$600,000. We need to research and contact County offices to check on this. The tax levy announcement will be delayed to the next voting meeting.

MAYORAL REPORT-Mayor reported that the Public Works Dept will be putting up the Santa House and other decorations on Nov. 15, 2019, barring any weather issues.

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BUSINESS


- 1. Approve Resolution for the UP Railroad (Municipal Sponsorship and Naming Rights Policy)-** Alderman Allen motioned to approve the Resolution for the UP Railroad. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Hooker yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Allen, yea, Garrett, yea, Junior Alderman Hutchison, yea, Mixell, yea. Motion passed.
- 2. Approve Payment of monthly statement from Bud's Auto Parts in the amount of \$1,652.39-**Alderman Allen recused himself from this vote. Alderman Hooker motioned to pay the Bud's Auto Parts monthly bill in the amount of \$1,652.39. Alderman Garrett seconded the motion. Roll call: Hooker, yea, Blaney, yea, Johnson, yea, Garrett, yea, Junior Alderman Hutchison, yea, Mixell, yea. Motion carried.
- 3. Approval to allow City Manager to gather and make decision on Municode website and online hosting-**Following discussion and an online overview of the vendor Municode services, it was decided to move forward with this purchase after the City Administrator can clarify more information and get quotes. Alderman Allen motioned to approve the City administrator to make this purchase. Alderman Garrett seconded the motion. Roll Call: Hooker yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Allen, yea, Garrett, yea, Junior Alderman Hutchison, yea, Mixell, yea. Motion passed.
- 4. Approval of A Walldogs Event in 2023-**Alderman Blaney motioned to approve holding a Walldogs Festival in 2023. Alderman Hooker seconded the motion. Roll Call: Hooker yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Allen, yea, Garrett, yea, Junior Alderman Hutchison, yea, Mixell, yea. Motion passed.
- 5. Approval of purchase of gloves, nomex and gear for fire department-** Alderman Allen motioned to approve the purchase of 16 gloves and 12 Nomex plus 3 full gear for the Fire Department for a total of approximately \$6600. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Hooker yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Allen, yea, Garrett, yea, Junior Alderman Hutchison, yea, Mixell, yea. Motion passed.
- 6. Approval For Office Staff to Attend Utility Billing software training-**City Administrator Athey explained the current staff in the office has not had full training on the software for utility billing. The next training is in March 2020 in Jonesboro, AR. Alderman Allen motioned to approve the training. Alderman Garrett seconded the motion. Roll Call: Hooker yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Allen, yea, Garrett, yea, Junior Alderman Hutchison, yea, Mixell, yea. Motion passed.
- 7. Approval of Scheduling the December 23 meeting for a special meeting for voting-**To accommodate final votes on items by year end Alderman Allen motioned to approve making the December 23, 2019 a voting Special meeting in lieu of a committee of the whole meeting. Alderman Garrett seconded the motion. Roll Call: Hooker yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Allen, yea, Garrett, yea, Junior Alderman Hutchison, yea, Mixell, yea. Motion passed.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION-Alderman Garrett motioned to move to closed session at 7:09 pm according to Section 2(c)(5) for consideration for purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including whether a particular parcel should be acquired; and 2(c)(1) the appointment, employment, discipline, performance of specific employees of the public body, of 5 ILCS 120/2 Exceptions Under the Open Meetings Act. Alderman Allen seconded the motion. Roll Call: Hooker yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Allen, yea, Garrett, yea. Motion carried. No further action will be taken upon return to open meeting. Council returned to Open Session at 8:22 pm.

ADJOURNMENT-With no further business, Alderman Johnson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m. Alderman Garrett seconded the motion. Roll call: Hooker, yea, Johnson, yea, Allen, yea, Garrett, yea. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle L. Osborne, City Clerk

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