

**Minutes
City Council Regular Meeting
December 23, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER—ROLL CALL

The City Council of the City of Villa Grove met in regular session on **Monday, December 23, 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, Blaney, Johnson, Pangburn, Griffith, and Garrett, and Junior Aldermen Hutchison. Junior Alderman Mixell was absent. Clerk Osborne, City Administrator Athey, and Police Chief Gire, and Fire Chief Elston were also present.

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

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

1. **MINUTES OF THE LAST REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING, HELD DECEMBER 9, 2019**
2. **CLAIMS FOR PAYMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$92,929.91**
3. **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE MONTH ENDING NOVEMBER 30,2019**

PUBLIC COMMENTS-Charles Ellington, Candidate for Congress, was present and introduced himself and spoke on his campaign for the spot in the US Congress 15th District running as a Republican. Dr. Ellington is from Camargo, IL.

ENGINEERING REPORT-No Report from Engineer

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT-No meeting was held.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

1. Reported on the meeting for the crosswalk plan for Route 130 and McCoy Avenue. Meeting attended by Mayor, City Administrator, Police Chief Gire, IDOT, School administrators, and First Christian Church representative.
2. COTW-Dec. 11-there was no quorum for the meeting so no meeting was held. Mayor and City Administrator spoke with the lawyer and Keith Moran (TIF consultant) about the EAV issues and what can be done to protest.
3. Park Board meeting held Dec. 12. the consensus is to stay in the current league. Trying to establish a youth golf league.
4. Summary of grant projects. there is a possibility to submit for an indoor recreation grant which would allow us to include an inside pool at Richman. This is due Jan. 21. Consensus was given to proceed with getting drawings done to submit for this grant.

OTHER REPORT-Public Works Director Arbuckle reported the scrubber media will be replaced at no cost to us for one time. Continued talks about a final resolution to the issue are ongoing, but time is of the essence due to upcoming 1 year mark for the warranty period. We will ask Andy Kieser to come to the next meeting to give updates.

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MAYORAL REPORT-Mayor reported 5 people from the city staff attended the PTI Graduation on Dec. 12 doer Officer Jesse Oakley. Congratulations to Office Oakley! There is movement in the area of fundraising for the Community Building at Richman park. A committee of people has been formed to get interest and raise the rest of the needed funds.

BUSINESS

- 1. Approve Ordinance 2019-MC13-An Ordinance Levying Taxes for All Corporate Purposes for the City of Villa Grove, Douglas County, Illinois, for the Fiscal year Beginning May 1, 2019 and Ending April 30, 2020.** Alderman Blaney motioned to approve the Tax Levy. Alderman Garrett seconded the motion. Roll Call: Hooker yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Pangburn, yea, Garrett, yea, Griffith, yea, Junior Alderman Hutchison, yea. Motion passed.
- 2. Villa Grove Volunteer of the Year Award Presentation**-Mayor Eversole-Gunter presented the Volunteer of the Year Award to a group of people who have done an outstanding job in making Villa Grove look more beautiful every day-the Beautification of Villa Grove Committee and also to Brenda Xanders for her tireless work on keeping the garden beds by the Railroad depot weeded and looking so nice.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-None required.

ADJOURNMENT-With no further business, Alderman Blaney motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 p.m. Alderman Garrett seconded the motion. Roll call: Hooker, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Pangburn, yea, Garrett, yea. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle L. Osborne, City Clerk

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