

**Minutes
City Council Regular Meeting
January 13, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER—ROLL CALL

The City Council of the City of Villa Grove met in regular session on **Monday, January 13, 2020** 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 Mixell. Junior Alderman Hutchison was absent. Clerk Osborne, City Administrator Athey, and Police Chief Gire, and Public Works Director Arbuckle were also present.

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

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

1. **MINUTES OF THE LAST PUBLIC HEARING MEETING, HELD DECEMBER 23, 2019**
2. **MINUTES OF THE LAST REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING, HELD DECEMBER 23, 2019**
3. **CLAIMS FOR PAYMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1547,440.13**
4. **CASH BALANCE REPORT FOR THE MONTH ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019**
5. **APPROVE HIRING OF PART TIME POLICE OFFICE, EFFECTIVE 12/31/2019**

PUBLIC COMMENTS-No public comments

ENGINEERING REPORT-Andy Kieser updated on the scrubber issue. The manufacturers will replace one of the media that is the high absorbency and will add fans to help the media work more efficiently. The first tests on the new set up will be in February to see how it is working. The Front Street bridge repair will happen when it warms up, but will need to be coordinated at a time when the Route 130 bridge construction is not also happening due to traffic concerns. The Route 130 bridge work has to wait until the water goes down to allow access. Easements for the crosswalk on Rte. 130 are in place. The EPA has approved to put the new mains in the McCoy addition in the front easement area for better access for maintenance.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT-No meeting was held.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

1. We received a quote from Thomas Electric for power at Richman Park of \$1475. This would be the concession stand and adding 4-5 electrical panels. This will serve to expand the service in the panel that is already there to feed all the other areas. Consensus was given to proceed with this.
2. The Tax Levy has been filed.
3. Payroll software updated at the year-end.
4. Architectural Expressions provided pool drawings for the grant submission.
5. NIU wants to meet to discuss the strategic plan.

OTHER REPORT-Public Works Director Arbuckle reported the softball diamonds are ready for use in March by the VG Schools girls softball teams. Police Chief Gire reported the hiring of a part time person (K. Williams) to work on Sundays. This has already reduced the need for overtime for the department.

MAYORAL REPORT-Summarized grant progress, and other project statuses.

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BUSINESS

1. **Approval of replacement of senior center gas line (at furnace replacement).** Alderman Blaney motioned to approve the replacement of the gas line that was found during the replacement of the furnace, at a cost of \$1700 for ductwork and gas line. Alderman Garrett seconded the motion. Roll Call: Hooker yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Pangburn, yea, Garrett, yea, Griffith, yea, Junior Alderman Mixell, yea. Motion passed.
2. **Approval of MFT IDOT revisions for 2019.** Alderman Blaney motioned to approve the MFT IDOT revisions for 2019. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Hooker yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Pangburn, yea, Garrett, yea, Griffith, yea, Junior Alderman Mixell, yea. Motion passed.
3. **Attendance of City Administrator to National Treasurer's Conference (July 2020, FY '21).** Alderman Blaney motioned to approve conference attendance, and Alderman Garrett seconded the motion. Roll Call: Hooker yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Pangburn, yea, Garrett, yea, Griffith, yea, Junior Alderman Mixell, yea. Motion passed.
4. **Attendance of City Administrator and Office clerk to IIRA Rural Community Economic Development Conference, Feb. 25-27, in Springfield, IL.** Alderman Blaney motioned to approve conference attendance, and Alderman Hooker seconded the motion. Roll Call: Hooker yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Pangburn, yea, Garrett, yea, Griffith, yea, Junior Alderman Mixell, yea. Motion passed.
5. **Approval of IDNR Grant Fee (\$5,000) for Community Center Phase 1-** Alderman Hooker motioned to approve the payment of the grant fee for the Community Center Phase 1. Alderman Blaney seconded the motion. Roll Call: Hooker yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Pangburn, yea, Garrett, yea, Griffith, yea, Junior Alderman Mixell, yea. Motion passed.
6. **Discussion and/or action with regards to employment matters-** No action was required.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- Alderman Hooker motioned to move to Closed Session at 6:55 pm, under the Open Meetings Act according to Section 2(c)(1) of 5 ILCS/12/2 Exceptions to the Open Meetings Act, for the discussion of appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees, with no further action to be taken upon return to Open Session. Alderman Garrett seconded the motion. Roll Call: Hooker yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Pangburn, yea, Garrett, yea, Griffith, yea. Motion passed. The council returned to open session at 7:11 pm.

ADJOURNMENT- With no further business, Alderman Hooker motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 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

Michelle L. Osborne, City Clerk

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