

Minutes
Committee of the Whole Council Meeting
January 27, 2020

CALL TO ORDER—ROLL CALL

The City Council of the City of Villa Grove met in regular session as a Committee of the Whole on **Monday, January 27, 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 Blaney, Johnson, Hooker, Pangburn, Griffith and Garrett. Junior Alderman Hutchison and Mixell were absent. Clerk Osborne, City Manager Athey, Volunteer Fireman Chris Elston, and Public Works Director Arbuckle were in attendance. No Public members were in attendance.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS-No public comments.

City Administrator Report-Jacky Athey- grant proposal work; quarterly taxes and W2's are out. Catching up on duties after being out for a couple of days. Brochure to submit to the UP for the community center grant request to them.

Public Works-Scott Arbuckle- Update on the status of fundraising for the scoreboards at Richman Park-they are about halfway to the goal. Fire hydrant repair quote for Henson Park is \$2200. Water plant media has not arrived yet.

Mayoral Report-Cassandra Eversole-Gunter-no report

Discussion of Business

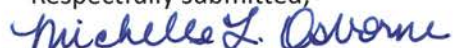
1. Jackie Wells, Camargo Township District Library request-not in attendance, but wants to apply for a grant for a Storybook Walk at Richman Park permanent installation. Wants permission to install. Biggest concern would be the park being under construction. Permanent installation. Have some questions about location, etc. that need to be gone over with Scott. It would be the library's responsibility to maintain them.
2. Review of updated proposal and timeline of items for upcoming strategic plan-Retreat plan for May 26 and May 27th evenings 5:30-9 pm both nights. Go over report and planning. Senior Center.
3. Review of audit services proposal-West and Company-this is previous company we have used and it worked out well. Consensus given for West and Company.
4. Review of [December financial statements](#)-
5. Consensus for purchase of new pagers-Chris Elston-purchase of pagers from Hoffman Radios. Estimate is \$1904. Need to update pagers. Analog pagers are moving to digital now. Current ones are probably 10 years old. Found some that are used by Philo department. Tried one out and they liked it. Pagers don't work once they are about 4 miles away from repeater. Cost is 360 per unit, want to get 5 of them right now to get in use. 5 year warranty. These would still be analog to keep expenses down. Consensus given for the purchase.

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6. Consensus for purchase of lab equipment/BOD tester-**SCOTT**: sewer plant-after a power loss, it quit working. Had to do an emergency order about 2500 for replacement. Consensus given.
7. Other items brought before the Council for discussion-Police contract coming in March. Uniforms for public works-supply uniforms instead of allowance.
Office Clerk I position is advertised. Full time position.

ADJOURNMENT-With no further business, Alderman Garrett motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. Alderman Hooker seconded the motion. Roll call: Blaney, yea, Pangburn, yea, Johnson, yea, Hooker, yea, Griffith, yea, Garrett, yea. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,


Michelle L. Osborne, City Clerk

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