

Minutes
City Council Regular Meeting
June 8, 2020

CALL TO ORDER—ROLL CALL

The City Council of the City of Villa Grove met in regular session on **Monday, June 8, 2020** in Council Chambers. Mayor Eversole Gunter called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. Roll call found the following members present: Alderman Johnson, Pangburn, Blaney, Hooker, Griffith, and Garrett. Clerk Osborne and City Administrator Athey were also present. Council followed all COVID 19 protocols for social distancing.

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

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

1. **MINUTES OF THE LAST REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING, HELD MAY 26, 2020**
2. **CLOSED MINUTES OF THE LAST REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING, HELD MAY 26, 2020**
3. **CLAIMS FOR FY21 PAYMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 449,821.40**
4. **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE MONTH ENDED APRIL 30, 2020**
5. **TREASURER'S CASH BALANCE REPORT FOR THE MONTH ENDING MAY 31, 2020**
6. **SEWER PLANT BOILER REPAIR (EST. \$7,200.00)**

PUBLIC COMMENTS-No public comments

ENGINEERING REPORT-Andy Kieser was not in attendance. City Administrator Athey gave updates on the crossing at Cler's on Rte. 130, fire hydrant was installed at the school by the new gym, and there was a chlorine leak at the water plant today.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT-The audit will begin in 3 weeks. Athey mentioned a raise in the health insurance premiums.

OTHER REPORT-Alderman Hooker mentioned updates to Harrison Park are needed in the future and we should start planning for those soon. a possibility may be to fundraise for the improvements. He mentioned the clean up weekend is Friday and Saturday of this week.

MAYORAL REPORT-The Mayor reported that the basketball court lights will be turned on this week. Retirement appreciation plans for Dennis Gire will be in July/August, if things are still opening up. Dennis Gire's last day is June 30, 2020. The report on the status of the water and sewer utilities will be coming by the end of July. We will have a Special meeting on June 15, 2020 and it will be a closed session to conduct interviews for the Chief of Police position.

BUSINESS

1. **APPROVE RESCHEDULING OF JULY FIREWORKS TO SEPTEMBER 19**-Alderman Garrett motioned to approve moving the fireworks display to coincide with the Alumni and School Anniversary Celebration to be held on September 19, 2020. Second was made by Alderman Johnson. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Pangburn, yea, Blaney, yea, Hooker, yea, Griffith, yea, Garrett, yea. Motion passed.

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- 2. APPROVE PURCHASE OF BLIGHTED PROPERTY THROUGH TAX AGENT** - Alderman Hooker motioned to approve the purchase of the property at 312 S. Douglas for a total of \$816 from a tax agent. Alderman Garrett seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Pangburn, yea, Blaney, yea, Hooker, yea, Griffith, yea, Garrett, yea. Motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-Alderman Blaney motioned to move to Closed Session under the Open Meetings Act Section 2(c)(1) of 5 ILCS/120/2 Exceptions to the open meetings act for the discussion, appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion to enter at 6:33 pm. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Pangburn, yea, Blaney, yea, Hooker, yea, Griffith, yea, Garrett, yea. Motion passed. There will be further action upon return to open session. Council returned to open session at 7:32 pm.

ADJOURNMENT-With no further business, Alderman Hooker motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Alderman Blaney seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Pangburn, yea, Blaney, yea, Hooker, yea, Griffith, yea, Garrett, yea. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Osborne

Michelle L. Osborne, City Clerk
XC: Mayor and City Council; Building Inspector; Department Heads; File