

Minutes
City Council Special Meeting
June 15, 2020

CALL TO ORDER—ROLL CALL

The City Council of the City of Villa Grove met in special session on **Monday, June 15, 2020** in Council Chambers. Mayor Eversole Gunter called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Roll call found the following members present: Alderman Johnson, Pangburn, Blaney, Hooker, Griffith, and Garrett. Clerk Osborne, Chief Gire, Chief Candidate Rea, 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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS-No public comments

EXECUTIVE SESSION-Alderman Garrett motioned to move to Closed Session at 6:55 pm 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 Hooker seconded the motion. 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 8:07 pm.

MAYORAL REPORT-The Mayor reported from Attorney Miller about how the zoning changes process will be for the upcoming wind and solar energy ordinances, and the cannabis ordinance. The Planning and Zoning committee will be considering the options in a meeting at their next meeting and will pass the recommendations onto the council. The Planning and Zoning committee will also be holding a public hearing on the issues. There will be an open house celebration for Chief Gire at the Tri City Country Club on July 19 at 5 pm. More details will be forthcoming.

BUSINESS

- 1. APPROVE CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE FOR WIND FARM AND SOLAR PROJECTS**-Alderman Hooker motioned to approve consideration of said ordinance. Second was made by Alderman Garrett. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Pangburn, yea, Blaney, yea, Hooker, yea, Griffith, yea, Garrett, yea. Motion passed.
- 2. APPROVE CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE FOR REGULATING CANNABIS SALE, PURCHASE, AND MANUFACTURING IN CERTAIN ZONING AREAS** - Alderman Hooker motioned for consideration of ordinance for cannabis, sale, purchase, production in certain zoning areas, to be determined after public hearings and input from P&Z. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Pangburn, yea, Blaney, yea, Hooker, yea, Griffith, yea, Garrett, yea. Motion passed.
- 3. APPROVE HIRING OF NEW CHIEF OF POLICE**-Alderman Hooker motioned to approve the hiring of Robert Rea as the new Chief of Police of Villa Grove to replace retiring Chief Gire. Alderman Garrett seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Pangburn, yea, Blaney, yea, Hooker, yea, Griffith, yea, Garrett, yea. Motion passed.

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ADJOURNMENT-With no further business, Alderman Hooker motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m. Alderman Garrett 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