

**Minutes
Committee of the Whole Meeting
June 22, 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, June 22, 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. Clerk Osborne, City Manager Athey, and Public Works Director Arbuckle, Chief elect Rea, Current Chief Gire were in attendance. Some Public members were in attendance.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS-Resident David Frost inquired about where the funds are coming from for the improvements for the water lines in McCoy subdivision and he also inquired about how properties are advertised for sale by the city. In response: the McCoy work is being done from the same loan that we got from EPA for the water plant. The loan is approved, but funds have not been distributed yet, and there is a forgiveness amount on the loan, once the project is completed. Lots are advertised in the paper that have been put up for bid. The recent lots available, all in the flood plain, were advertised multiple times with no bids submitted. If someone is interested, they are welcome to submit a sealed bid for any lot that is still for sale by the city. Please contact the City office for details. Alderman Hooker also added that residents have specifically asked for a reminder to people to pick up the waster after their pets.

City Administrator Report-Jacki Athey- Funding for the tear down of old water plant and McCoy work are on the funding list as of 7/1/2020 released by the State.

Engineering and Public Works-Scott Arbuckle- Update given on the meeting with Fehr Graham engineering on proceeding with the water line replacements in McCoy subdivision. The lines will be run along the streets at the front of the properties to eliminate owners incurring extra expenses for moving their current meter. The lines will be bored to the meters. The crosswalks on Rte. 130 at Paul's Machine and Welding are ready to be completed, but were waiting on some signatures from PMW. Hope to have those in the next few days. Cross Construction was asked to come back now that the water has receded in the river to complete their portion of the project. Director also brought attention to an abandoned property where there are 2 cars and a boat and asked how we can dispose of them. Council asked for him to check they are secured and not a safety threat. The Air Scrubber at the water plant needs the second piece of media, so Scott will call F-G tomorrow. He also asked about doing some sidewalk sections-he was asked to submit quotes first to city administrator.

Mayoral Report-Cassandra Eversole-Gunter-no report

Discussion of Business

1. Brief presentation concerning Chief Gire Retirement-confirmed a date with Dennis Gire for a dinner at the Tri City Country Club in his honor on July 19, 2020. A plaque was given in recognition of his 30 years of service to the City of Villa Grove as a Police Officer and Chief.
2. Review budget and balances for potential sewer rate increase-City Administrator Athey did not have report available due to the audit duties. She will report at the next meeting.
3. Other items brought before council-no other items were brought forth.

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CLOSED SESSION-Alderman Blaney motioned to move to Closed Session at 6:25 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 Johnson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Pangburn, yea, Blaney, yea, Hooker, yea, Griffith, yea, Garrett, yea. Motion passed. There will be no further action upon return to open session. Council returned to open session at 7:06 pm.

ADJOURNMENT-With no further business, Alderman Hooker motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 p.m. Alderman Garrett seconded the motion. Roll call: Blaney, yea, Pangburn, yea, Johnson, yea, Hooker, yea, Griffith, 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