

**Minutes  
Committee of the Whole - Council Meeting  
August 24, 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, August 24, 2020, in Council Chambers. Mayor Eversole-Gunter called the meeting to order at 6:06 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 Rea.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**-There was an issue reported with traffic flow at the stop light intersection for the bridge construction. We will contact IDOT to assess.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT-Jacki Athey**-Reminded everyone of the upcoming Strategic Planning Meetings on September 1 and 2, beginning at 5:15 pm and going until 8 pm. Jacki will meet with the organizers tomorrow. There will also be a budget meeting on September 10, 2020, at 6 pm.

**ENGINEERING REPORT-Andy Kieser, Fehr Graham**-No Report.

**MAYORAL REPORT-Cassandra Eversole-Gunter**-Presented plaques for the Junior Alderman Mixell and Hutchison, but they were not available to attend and receive them. They will be delivered to them. Mrs. Jones at the High School will send recommendations for new junior aldermen.

**BUSINESS**

1. **Consensus for approval of architect's contract for Community Center**-This has been updated from the previous plan and will remain with Architectural Expressions and a revised timeline to meet the State deadlines for 2 years.
2. **Consensus for approval of annual SRO IGA with Villa Grove Schools**-Renewing the Safety Resource Officer agreement with the school.
3. **Consensus to approve signing of amendment of the Douglas County Enterprise Zone ordinance/IGA**-This change was requested by Brian Moody, Head of the EDC of Douglas County to include an area around Sidney in Champaign County. Brian requested and received consensus.
4. **Ordering of live Christmas trees**-Alderman Johnson spoke about the trees to be ordered, which will be about 50. The BVG will reimburse for the cost of \$2000. This year they will order more of the taller trees than last year. Deadline to order is this week.
5. **Review of July 2020 financial reports**-The Property Tax income will appear on the next financials due to the lag from all of the COVID issues in the Spring. The reports are available for review before the next meeting.
6. **Other items brought before the Council for discussion**-A discussion of the poor drainage at the Emergency Services Building and fixing that as well as reworking some grading of the parking area gravel. Scott will come out this week and look at what can be done and will work with Chief Rea. Council asked PW Director to wait on the purchase of a stump grinder until possibly Spring. The sludge hauler also had the wheel bearings go out and an axle break, resulting in repairs of \$1500, given consensus for this repair.

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**CLOSED SESSION**-Alderman Blaney motioned to move to Closed Session at 6:29 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 6:50 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**-With no further business, Alderman Hooker motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call: Blaney, yea, Pangburn, yea, Johnson, yea, Hooker, yea, Griffith, yea, Garrett, yea. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

*Michelle L. Osborne*

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