

**Minutes  
Committee of the Whole - Council Meeting  
September 1, 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 Tuesday, September 1, 2020, in Council Chambers. Mayor Eversole-Gunter called the meeting to order at 5:45 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, Recreation Director Heath Wilson, Fire Chief Chuck Black were also in attendance.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**-None

**BUSINESS-STRATEGIC PLANNING**

This meeting was for the sole purpose of planning for the future of the City of Villa Grove in a strategic plan in conjunction with the Northern Illinois University Center for Governmental Studies. This group works with cities from very small to very large for a plan for their future that prioritizes short- and long-term goals as well as providing an action plan for implementation. Mel Henriksen is the Assistant Director and Jeanna Ballard is a Senior Research Specialist with the group. Introductions were made as we ate supper and worked on some of the initial overview of how the workshop would proceed. All planning and assessment discussions were moved to Closed Session.

**CLOSED SESSION**-Alderman Garrett motioned to move to Closed Session at 6:12 pm under the Open Meetings Act Section 2(c)(16) of 5 ILCS/120/2 Exceptions to the open meetings act for self-evaluation, practices and procedures or professional ethics while meeting with representatives of the NIU CGS . 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 7:56 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**-With no further business, Alderman Hooker motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 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*

Michelle L. Osborne, City Clerk

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