

**Minutes**  
**Committee of the Whole - Council Meeting**  
**September 2, 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 Wednesday, September 2, 2020, in Council Chambers. Mayor Eversole-Gunter called the meeting to order at 5:30 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, 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. Instructions on the schedule for the evening were given and then all planning and assessment discussions were moved to Closed Session.

**CLOSED SESSION**-Alderman Hooker 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 Pangburn 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 8:05 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**-With no further business, Alderman Hooker motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 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