

**Minutes
Committee of the Whole Council Meeting
September 28, 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, September 28, 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 Rea were present.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT-There was a group of concerned citizens who spoke about issues in their neighborhood with blighted properties that need some attention. They are causing rodent and insect issues that are affecting all of the houses around them. They asked if there was anything the council could do to mitigate these issues. Discussions referred back to a process that was started just before COVID hit and has been stalled. Ideas they asked about were: possible inspections on rentals, condemning properties that are not livable, and possibly forming a citizen's committee to assist with some of the issues.

Mayoral Report-Cassandra Eversole-Gunter-Spoke about the movie outdoors to be done in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce. Date will be October 17, 2020 at 7:30 pm.

Business

1. **Swearing in of new police officers**-Police Chief Rea swore in 2 new full-time police officers, who will begin October 5, and start PTI. Officers were Derek Rasmussen and Patrick Webb.
2. **Discussion for Outdoor Movie**-There was discussion about holding the movie outdoors on Main Street Plaza like we did last year. Consensus was given to proceed. The movie will be co-sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. It was decided the movie would be "Trolls World Tour".
3. **Other Items Brought Before the Council**-Public Works Director Arbuckle said plans are almost finalized for the old Water plant demolition.

CLOSED SESSION-Alderman Garrett motioned to move to Closed Session at 6:36 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 7:15pm.

ADJOURNMENT-With no further business, Alderman Hooker motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 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

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