

Minutes
City of Villa Grove, Illinois
Regular City Council Meeting
November 9, 2020

Call to Order—Roll Call: The City Council of the City of Villa Grove met in regular session on Monday, November 9, 2020, in the Senior Center (to allow for proper social distancing). Mayor Eversole-Gunter called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call found the following members present: Aldermen Pangburn, Blaney, Garrett, Griffith, Hooker and Johnson. City Administrator Athey, Police Chief Rea and Public Works Director Arbuckle were also present; City Clerk Osborne was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Mayor stood and led all attendees in The Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Consent Agenda: 1) MINUTES OF THE LAST REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING, HELD OCTOBER 13, 2020; 2) CLOSED MINUTES OF THE LAST REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING, HELD OCTOBER 13, 2020; 3) MINUTES OF THE LAST REGULAR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING, HELD OCTOBER 26, 2020; 4) CLOSED MINUTES OF THE LAST REGULAR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING, HELD OCTOBER 26, 2020; 5) AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PAYMENT OF BILLS; 6) FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE MONTH ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2020; 7) CASH BALANCE REPORT FOR THE MONTH ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2020; 8) APPROVAL OF 4 OMNISITE UPGRADES (ALARM SYSTEM FOR LIFT STATIONS); AND 9) APPROVAL OF GLASS PARTITIONS TO CITY OFFICES FOR CONTINUING COVID MITIGATION. Alderman Blaney motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call: Blaney, yea; Garrett, yea; Griffith, yea; Hooker, yea; Johnson, yea; Pangburn, yea. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments: There were no comments from members of the public who were present.

Committee of the Whole Reports: Alderman Garrett stated that he had been contacted by a former Villa Grove resident whose company is already recruiting investors and interested in placing a retail cannabis dispensary here (and potentially other production levels in the future). Garrett felt that it was a serious, legitimate inquiry and that the IML-formatted ordinance for approval should be placed for a vote in the near future since the public hearing required for the matter has already been conducted.

City Administrator Reports: Athey commented that the finished annual audit report had been filed with the State Comptroller's office on time, and that the annual TIF Report is due to them by the end of the month. The glass partitions for offices have been installed at the police department and should be finished in the administrative/billing office by the end of November.

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She also reported that there have been several HR tasks due to the recent staffing changes, and otherwise regular work in the offices continue. Athey noted that the City had been invited to complete a grant application to the Union Pacific railroad which would be submitted in the coming week.

Other Reports: Director Arbuckle had nothing except that the word of the week/month is "leaves".

Chief Rea brought up his ongoing ordinance enforcement and working with Attorney Brunner on addressing problematic issues related to that. He is also working to draft some proposed changes to the parking ordinance for the Council's consideration.

Alderman Blaney questioned Director Arbuckle on the status of new drainage for the Emergency Services Center, asking if they had begun any planning or actual correcting work. Arbuckle said that he had to confirm what supplies were already on hand to begin the installation of a new storm drain, to be done by the PW employees.

Mayoral Reports: Fehr Graham representatives were not present, although the Mayor confirmed that all three parts of the next water treatment project are out for bids. Director Arbuckle confirmed that the bid openings are scheduled for mid-December.

The Council scheduled a committee of the whole meeting for Monday, November 16 to discuss the upcoming draft of the wastewater facility plan with one of the Fehr Graham engineers. Resident Mike Cline asked that the engineers be reminded to include future maintenance costs of a finished plant when calculating the increased user rates going forward.

Business:

Concerning the wind energy ordinance, the Mayor gave a review of the phone meeting/discussion with Administrator Athey and Attorney Richard Porter. He will be forwarding a finished form of the ordinances needing amended as well as the entire new chapter to be adopted.

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Although a public hearing had already been held on this topic, the ordinance has been substantially changed and will require a new public hearing before the Planning and Zoning board before any approval can be executed. Mr. Porter plans to attend that hearing to answer any question from the public or board/council members, which will tentatively be held on either the January or February regular P&Z meeting dates (which he will confirm to us based on his schedule).

Adjournment: With no further business, Alderman Blaney motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 p.m. Alderman Hooker seconded the motion. Roll call: Garrett, yea; Griffith, yea; Hooker, yea; Johnson, yea; Pangburn, yea; Blaney, yea. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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