

Minutes
City Council Regular Meeting
December 14, 2020

CALL TO ORDER—ROLL CALL

The City Council of the City of Villa Grove met in regular session on **Monday, December 14, 2020** in Council Chambers. Mayor Eversole-Gunter called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Roll call found the following members present: Alderman Pangburn, Blaney, Johnson, Hooker, Griffith, and Garrett. City Administrator Athey, Clerk Osborne, Police Chief Rea, Public Works Director Arbuckle were also present. Council followed all COVID 19 protocols for social distancing.

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

CONSENT AGENDA—Alderman Hooker motioned to approve the following Consent Agenda and a second was given by Alderman Johnson. Roll Call: Pangburn, yea, Blaney, yea, Johnson, yea, Hooker, yea, Griffith, yea, Garrett, yea. Motion passed.

1. **MINUTES OF THE LAST REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING, HELD NOVEMBER 9, 2020**
2. **MINUTES OF THE LAST SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING, HELD NOVEMBER 16, 2020**
3. **MINUTES OF THE LAST REGULAR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING, HELD NOVEMBER 23, 2020**
4. **CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF THE LAST REGULAR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING, HELD NOVEMBER 23, 2020**
5. **AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PAYMENT OF BILLS**
6. **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE MONTH ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2020**
7. **CASH BALANCE REPORT FOR THE MONTH ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 2020**
8. **APPROVAL OF HARTMAN CONSULTANTS AGREEMENT**
9. **APPROVAL OF 2021 CITY MEETINGS SCHEDULE**

PUBLIC COMMENTS—NO PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

OTHER REPORT COTW—Public Works Director reported Wed. 12/23/20 will be the last leaf pickup day. The bid opening for the Air Scrubber work, the tear down of the old water plant, and McCoy line work will be Friday 12/18/20 at the Fehr-Graham offices.

VGPD Chief Rea reported he is still working on the policy updates and an application for a DOJ grant for vests. The grant requires an update to the use of Force policy. Body cams and squad cams will install next week; field training for new officers begins Jan. 18, 2021. The new Squad car arrived this week.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT—The CURE funds grant survey has been submitted; working on the upcoming grant to the Union Pacific.

MAYORAL REPORT—The Mayor thanked Alderman Blaney for decorating the Council Hall for the holidays, and thanked Alderman Johnson for the Christmas tree sales.

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BUSINESS

1. **Ordinance 2020-MC15--An Ordinance Levying Taxes for All Corporate Purposes for the City of Villa Grove, Douglas County, Illinois, for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2020 and Ending April 30, 2021.** Alderman Blaney motioned to approve the Tax Levy Ordinance 2020-MC15. Alderman Hooker seconded the motion. Roll call: Hooker, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Garrett, yea. Motion passed.
2. **Ordinance 2020-MC16--An Ordinance Amending Chapter 72 of the Municipal Code of the City of Villa Grove, Douglas County, Illinois (Parking Regulations).** Alderman Garrett motioned to TABLE Ordinance 2020-MC16. Alderman Pangburn seconded the motion. Roll call: Hooker, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Garrett, yea. Motion passed to Table this ordinance.
3. **Approval additional Orkin contracts for service at municipal buildings.** Alderman Blaney motioned to approve additional contracts for service at all municipal buildings. Alderman Garrett seconded the motion. Roll call: Hooker, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Garrett, yea. Motion passed.
4. **Approve purchase of 5 new pagers for the Fire Department at a cost of \$1500.** Alderman Blaney motioned to approve the purchase of 5 pages for the VGFD. Alderman Garrett seconded. Roll call: Hooker, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Garrett, yea. Motion passed.
5. **Approve purchase of 1 set of bunker gear and used power pack for Jaws of Life.** Alderman Garrett motioned to approve purchase of bunker gear and power pack for Jaws of Life. Alderman Hooker seconded the motion. Roll call: Hooker, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Garrett, yea. Motion passed.
6. **Review of Strategic Planning Report drafts.** Comments on the report drafts include it is written clearly and easy to understand. There will be an Implementation meeting in January with the Department Heads.
7. **Discuss potential solar energy approach to Community Center.** Discussion of costs of solar power and time it takes to recoup investment-cost would be prohibitive and not viable now.
8. **Approval to appoint Lydia and Alexa Howard as Advisory Council members.** Alderman Blaney motioned to approve Senior High Students Lydia and Alexa Howard as the next advisory (Junior Alderman) members, to begin in January meetings. Alderman Pangburn seconded the motion. Roll call: Hooker, yea, Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Garrett, yea. Motion passed.

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CLOSED SESSION—Alderman Blaney motioned at 6:36 pm to move to Closed Session under the Open Meetings Act Section 2(c)(11) of 5 ILCS/120/2 Exceptions to the open meetings act for the discussion of possible litigation against the City. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Pangburn, yea, Blaney, yea, Johnson, 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 7:18 pm.

ADJOURNMENT—With no further business, Alderman Hooker motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. Alderman Blaney seconded the motion. Roll Call: Pangburn, yea, Blaney, yea, Hooker, yea, Griffith, yea, Garrett, yea, Johnson, yea. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Osborne

Michelle L. Osborne, City Clerk

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