

Minutes
City Council Regular Meeting
May 10, 2021

CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

The City Council of the City of Villa Grove met in regular session on **Monday, May 10, 2021** 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, Griffith, Hooker, Pangburn, Garrett. Junior Alderman A. and L. Howard were absent. City Administrator Athey, Clerk Osborne, Public Works Supervisor Lake, Police Chief Rea, Engineer Andy Kieser, and City Attorney Marc Miller 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 Pangburn. Roll Call: Blaney, yea, Griffith, yea, Hooker, yea, Garrett, yea, Pangburn, yea. Motion passed.

1. **Minutes of the last Regular City Council Meeting, held April 12, 2021**
2. **Minutes of the last Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting, held April 26, 2021**
3. **Authorization for the Payment of Bills**
4. **Financials for the Month Ending March 31, 2021**
5. **Cash Balance Report for the Month Ending April 30, 2021**
6. **Annual FY21 TIF Fund Transfer to General Fund (\$50,000)**
7. **Hiring of Temporary/Seasonal Employee for Public Works**
8. **Approval of Repairs to Sludge Truck**

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Mike Leon was present representing the VFW to ask the city to assist with the cost of repairs to the sidewalk in front of their building after a water leak was repaired. PW Director Lake spoke about what happened with this repair. When the leak happened, it gave the City an opportunity to do a necessary repair they have waited on for quite some time due to the fact that the sidewalk had to be torn up to get to this issue. When the leak happened and the sidewalk was torn up, they extended the hole enough to allow all of the repairs to be done. This is why the VFW is asking to split the costs of the repair since it was a bit more extensive than it needed to be just for their leak. Council agreed to split the costs, as per City Administrator's review of charges.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **ORDINANCE 2021-MC05—An Ordinance Amending Title VII TRAFFIC CODE of the City of Villa Grove Illinois Code of Ordinances as It Relates to Parking Regulations and Parking Schedules-** Alderman Hooker motioned to approve Ordinance 2021-MC05 Amending the parking regulations and parking schedules. Alderman Pangburn seconded the motion. Roll Call: Blaney, yea, Johnson, yea, Griffith, yea, Hooker, yea, Garrett, no, Pangburn, yea. Motion passed.
2. **Approve FY21 TIF Grant to Villa Grove Schools for multi-year structural repairs-** Alderman Blaney motioned to approve an FY21 TIF grant to VG schools for structural repairs. Alderman Hooker seconded the motion. Roll Call: Blaney, yea, Johnson, yea, Griffith, yea, Hooker, yea, Garrett, yea, Pangburn, yea. Motion passed.

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RECOGNITION OF ALDERMAN GRIFFITH – Mayor Eversole-Gunter presented Alderman Darrel Griffith with a plaque in recognition of his years of service to the city as an alderman. He is stepping down today. Congratulations were given all around to Alderman Griffith. Thank you for your service!

SWEARING IN OF NEWLY-ELECTED OFFICIALS – The newly elected council members were sworn in. Alderman Matthew Pangburn, Ward I, Alderman Kerry Cheely, Ward II, and Alderman Thelma ‘Boots’ Blaney, Ward III. Also sworn in were Mayor Cassandra Eversole-Gunter and City Clerk Michelle Osborne.

ENGINEERING REPORT – Andy Kieser, City Engineer. Andy reported the McCoy subdivision water main install has begun. Ruby Street is done and work continues on other streets. Each homeowner will be contacted about their new connections. This will result in a full loop system for McCoy for improved service. Equipment for the scrubber project is on order. Asbestos removal at the old water plant demo is in process and should be completed by the end of the week.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS – Chief Rea had no updates from the police department. Public works Director Lake reported their new hire has begun working. He would like to proceed with purchasing the stump grinder that was discussed before the pandemic hit. This will be a cost savings to the city over a very short payback period of time.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT – Jacki Athey reported Mr. Hoffman has said the Summer Daze Program for K-6 grades will begin on June 14 and run through August 5. Approved the ad in the newspaper for graduation.

MAYORAL REPORT – The Mayor reported she will be appointing people to the various boards, but has noticed there is a need for another board member on the P&Z Board. Other appointments will be for the Health Board, Park Board. Thank you to the BVG and FFA for planting the flowers on Main Street.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Mayoral Appointment of City officials and board members**
2. **Review of proposals to sell the City Water and Sewer systems** – City Attorney Miller advised for an extension of the RFP. Alderman Pangburn motioned to extend the RFP of the sale of the assets, real estate, and business of the City water and sewer systems deadline date to June 28, 2021, or such other time as approved by the Mayor in consultation with the City Attorney and to notify those providing existing proposals of the extension without their need to provide new proposals. Alderman Garrett seconded the motion. Roll Call: Blaney, yea, Johnson, yea, Cheely, yea, Hooker, yea, Garrett, yea, Pangburn, yea. Motion passed.

CLOSED SESSION – Alderman Garrett motioned to go into Closed Session at 6:37 pm according to the Open Meetings act Section2(c)(6) of 5 ILCS/120/2 Exceptions to the Open Meetings Act for the limited purpose of

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discussion of the setting of a price for the sale of property owned by the City. No further action will be taken after returning to the Open session. Alderman Hooker seconded the motion. Roll Call: Blaney, yea, Johnson, yea, Cheely, yea, Hooker, yea, Garrett, yea, Pangburn, yea. Motion passed. Return from Closed session to open session was at 7:07 pm.

ADJOURNMENT – With no further business, Alderman Hooker motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m. Alderman Cheely seconded the motion. Roll Call: Blaney, yea, Johnson, yea, Hooker, yea, Cheely, yea, Garrett, yea, Pangburn, yea. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Osborne

Michelle L. Osborne, City Clerk

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