

**Minutes**  
**City Council Regular Meeting**  
**July 26, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL**

The City Council of the City of Villa Grove met in regular session on **Monday, July 26, 2021** in Council Chambers. Mayor Eversole-Gunter called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Roll call found the following members present: Alderman Blaney, Johnson, Cheely, Hooker, Garrett, and Pangburn. City Administrator Athey, Clerk Osborne, Public Works Director Lake, Police Chief Rea, Zoning Chairman Mike Broeker, Fire Chief Chuck Black, and Brian Kesler (Architect from Architectural Expressions) 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: Blaney, yea, Johnson, yea, Cheely, yea, Hooker, yea, Garrett, yea, Pangburn, yea. Motion passed.

1. **Minutes of the last regular City Council meeting, held July 12, 2021**
2. **Authorization for the Payment of Bills**
3. **Removal of VFD lift station control panels**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** - No public comments.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR/OTHER REPORTS**

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**-Public Works Director Lake reported that he got a quote for the Adams Street lift station of \$131,000 from United Mechanical. Flow Tech supplied a quote for the same station of \$97,000, with a two-year warranty. There were some other issues this past week with the water pump at the water plant.

Fire Chief Black reported they are getting bids on rust repairs to equipment to keep them in service.

P&Z Chairman Broeker was in attendance for support of the zoning request by Mike Beesley.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**-Jacki Athey reported that the audit went well and was done a day early. She attended a conference. There is a very large FOIA request that came in which they are working on putting together in the office.

**MAYORAL REPORT** - The Mayor reported: Ag Days is August 6 and 7. The Beer Tent will be on the Main Street Plaza, without a tent, but will be a place where the crowd can be controlled and contained.

**BUSINESS**

1. **Approve request of Mike Beesley for a variance at 208 Ruby Street** - Alderman Garrett motioned to approve this request. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Blaney, yea, Johnson, yea, Cheely, yea, Hooker, yea, Garrett, yea, Pangburn, yea. Motion passed.
2. **Approve Change Order No. 1 for Ezell Excavating the old plant demolition** - Alderman Garrett motioned to approve the change order for Ezell. This was due to a delay by the city not having the radon inspection completed before they started the demo. This added to equipment rental costs.

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Alderman Hooker seconded the motion. Roll Call: Blaney, yea, Johnson, yea, Cheely, yea, Hooker, yea, Garrett, yea, Pangburn, yea. Motion passed.

- 3. Review of increased parking fines ordinance** - Alderman Blaney motioned to approve the increase in parking fines. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Blaney, yea, Johnson, yea, Cheely, yea, Hooker, yea, Garrett, yea, Pangburn, yea. Motion passed.
- 4. Approve quote for the Emergency Services Center parking lot repairs and grading** - Alderman Hooker motioned to approve the repairs and grading of the ESC parking lot. Alderman Cheely seconded the motion. Roll Call: Blaney, yea, Johnson, yea, Cheely, yea, Hooker, yea, Garrett, yea, Pangburn, yea. Motion passed.
- 5. Opening bids for the Community Center** - Bids were opened for the construction of the Community Center, with architect Brian Kesler present. Instructed to read the bids twice with total amount and all of the options read with their amounts. Seven bids were received. Companies bidding were: Broeren Russo Builders, Heritage Builders, Carlson Brothers, Grunloh Construction, Felmley-Dickerson Co., Petry-Kuhne Co., and CCC Holdings, Inc. Bids ranged from \$6,740,000 to \$7,752,145. Discussion brought a request to have City Manager Athey contact IDNR for a deadline extension. Mr. Kesler will tabulate the bids. No vote taken at this time.
- 6. Designate funds for TIF request from Derrick Roy** - Alderman Blaney motioned to Table this request for further information due to an incomplete application. A second was given by Alderman Garrett. Roll Call: Blaney, yea, Johnson, yea, Cheely, yea, Hooker, yea, Garrett, yea, Pangburn, yea. Motion passed to TABLE this request.

**CLOSED SESSION** - No Closed Session was needed.

**ADJOURNMENT** - With no further business, Alderman Hooker motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 p.m. Alderman Garrett 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