

**Minutes**  
**Regular Committee of the Whole City Council Meeting**  
**August 2, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL**

The City Council Committee of the Whole of the City of Villa Grove met in regular session on **Monday, August 2, 2021**, in Council Chambers. Mayor Eversole-Gunter called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Roll call found the following members present: Alderman Blaney, Johnson, Cheely, Hooker, Pangburn, Garrett. City Administrator Athey, Clerk Osborne, Public Works Supervisor Lake, and Brian Kesler, 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.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** - Bruce Allen from the Chamber of Commerce was present. He gave a summary of the events for Ag Days, went over the parade route and street closures, and layout of various attractions. He also presented information on purchasing new Christmas decorations. The ones we have are in disrepair and in need of replacement after at least a 20-year run. He spoke about the needs for lights, garland, bows, and showed a summary of items that could be purchased from Northern Lights for a cost of around \$12,000. The Chamber would split the cost of these decorations with the City of Villa Grove and the Ag Days Committee. Council gave a consensus to move forward with the purchase to allow for best pricing and delivery of decorations.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT** - Jacki Athey reports she researched some financing options for the community center and found there is some potential with USDA. The extension request has been submitted to the IDNR. She is not certain when the final decision will be made.

**OTHER DEPARTMENT REPORTS** - None were given.

**MAYORAL REPORT** - The Mayor reported she has been contacted by a citizen who would like to hold a car show in the Fall, since the car show for Ag Days was canceled this year.

**BUSINESS**

1. **Status of Community Center bidding/construction/ funding** - Brian Kesler, architect on the project, was in attendance and supplied the bid tabulation for council to review. Concerns that were raised about the project were the increased costs, the short timeline, and funding since all vendors are affected by these variables. A formal vote will be taken at the next meeting.
2. **FY22 Budget Finalization/schedule** - The budget schedule was given out by Jacki Athey. Budget meetings will occur over the next few weeks, with a target of public hearing the first week of September.
3. **Other items brought before Council for discussion** - no items discussed.

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**ADJOURNMENT**-With no further business, Alderman Hooker motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. Alderman Garrett seconded the motion. Roll Call: Blaney, yea, Cheely, yea, Hooker, yea, Garrett, yea, Pangburn, 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