

**Minutes
City Council Regular Meeting
August 9, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

The City Council of the City of Villa Grove met in regular session on **Monday, August 9, 2021**, in Council Chambers. Mayor Eversole-Gunter called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. Roll call found the following members present: Alderman Blaney, Johnson, Pangburn, Cheely, Hooker, Garrett. City Administrator Athey, Clerk Osborne, Public Works Supervisor Lake, Police Chief Rea, 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 Blaney motioned to approve the following Consent Agenda and a second was given by Alderman Johnson. Roll Call: Blaney, yea, Johnson, yea, Pangburn, yea, Cheely, yea, Hooker, yea, Garrett, yea. Motion passed.

1. **Minutes of the last regular City Council meeting, held July 26, 2021**
2. **Minutes of the last special Committee of the Whole meeting, held August 2, 2021**
3. **Authorization for the Payment of Bills**
4. **Financial Reports for the Month Ending June 30, 2021**
5. **Cash Balance Report for the Month Ending July 31, 2021**
6. **Approve request for grant extension from IDNR for Community Center**
7. **Approve purchase of Christmas decorations for Main Street, with costs to be split ⅓ each with AG Days Steering Committee and Chamber of Commerce**

PUBLIC COMMENTS - No public comments.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR/OTHER REPORTS

DEPARTMENT REPORTS - Chief Rea had no report from the police department.

Public Works Director Lake reported there are multiple issues with most of the lift stations, with the Adams Street one being down. Adams Street lift station will be looked at tomorrow. Electricians for lift stations will be here next week.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT - Jacki Athey reported that there was no news on the grant extension from IDNR yet.

MAYORAL REPORT - The Mayor reported: Thank you to Ag Days Committee for the hard work on a successful festival. During the set up some power issues were found on some of the poles that had to be corrected.

BUSINESS

1. **Notice of Intent to Award for new Community Center construction** - Alderman Blaney motioned for the intent to award a contract for the Community Center. Alderman Hooker seconded the motion. Roll Call: Blaney, yea, Johnson, yea, Pangburn, yea, Cheely, yea, Hooker, yea, Garrett, yea. Motion passed.

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2. **Approve bid from Earl Walker Company (annual seal coat work) bid tab** - Alderman Hooker motioned to approve the bid from Earl Walker Co. for the annual seal coat work. Roll Call: Blaney, yea, Johnson, yea, Pangburn, yea, Cheely, yea, Hooker, yea, Garrett, yea. Motion passed.
3. **Approve bid from Illiana Construction (annual resurfacing work) bid tab** - Alderman Blaney motioned to approve the bid from Illiana Construction. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Blaney, yea, Johnson, yea, Pangburn, yea, Cheely, yea, Hooker, yea, Garrett, yea. Motion passed.
4. **Approve Pay Request No.1/Final for Ezell Excavating** - Alderman Johnson motioned to approve payment to Ezell Excavating. Alderman Garrett seconded the motion. Roll Call: Blaney, yea, Johnson, yea, Pangburn, yea, Cheely, yea, Hooker, yea, Garrett, yea. Motion passed.
5. **Permission/requirements for wastewater dumping at sewer plant** - A request was received from a septic business to dump their wastewater at our sewer plant. Alderman Hooker motioned to table this for more information. A second was given by Alderman Garrett to table the motion. Roll Call: Blaney, no, Johnson, yea, Pangburn, yea, Cheely, yea, Hooker, yea, Garrett, yea. Motion passed to TABLE for further information.

CLOSED SESSION - Alderman Pangburn motioned to go into Closed Session at 6:23 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 discussion of the sale of the City Water and Sewer System properties owned by the City. No further action will be taken after returning to the Open session. Alderman Garrett seconded the motion. Roll Call: Blaney, yea, Johnson, yea, Pangburn, yea, Cheely, yea, Hooker, yea, Garrett, yea. Motion passed. Return from Closed session to Open session was at 6:42 pm.

ADJOURNMENT - With no further business, Alderman Hooker motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 p.m. Alderman Cheely seconded the motion. Roll Call: Blaney, yea, Johnson, yea, Pangburn, yea, Cheely, yea, Hooker, yea, Garrett, yea. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Osborne

Michelle L. Osborne, City Clerk

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