

Minutes
Regular Committee of the Whole City Council Meeting
August 23, 2021

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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 23, 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, Pangburn, Cheely, and Garrett. Alderman Hooker was absent. City Administrator Athey, Clerk Osborne, Police Chief Rea, Public Works Director Lake, Zest for Life director Melanie Brooks 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 - Mike Cline was present to say the Lion's Club and the Chamber of Commerce will be painting the caboose in Henson Park in the Spring of 2022 due to some delays in scheduling for this Fall.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT - Jacki Athey reports we need an update on the completion of the handrails at the sewer plant for the IDOL reports. IDOT refunded \$92,000 back to us from construction of the bridge, the McCoy materials are on order, but are experiencing delays due to global delays. The update to the scrubber on the water plant will begin in 1 month. August 30 will be a budget meeting at the next COTW meeting. A review of the Pheasant Point agreements was done this past week.

OTHER DEPARTMENT REPORTS - Chief Rea reported school has begun and the start went smoothly. He will be filling in as the School Resource Officer this school year.

PW Director Lake reported that things were being maintained at a minimal disruption this week. He is in need of purchasing the chemicals for fields, etc. and will work with Jacki to determine that this week.

MAYORAL REPORT - No report.

BUSINESS

1. **Scheduling of 2022 Fireworks with Melrose Pyrotechnics** - Mayor Eversole-Gunter was contacted by Melrose to determine if we would be having fireworks next year. Due to the closure of multiple fireworks display companies, Melrose is reducing the number of smaller cities they will do next year. If we could commit now, we can get on their schedule. Discussion followed and consensus for July 1, 2022 was reached.
2. **Zest for Life Signage** - Melanie Brooks, Director, reported the first meal will be on Sept. 9th at the center. She discussed the sign design, painting of the sign posts and adding lights. Agreement was to move forward with a sign and the paint scheme presented.
3. **FY22 Budget Finalization/schedule** - The budget schedule was given out by Jacki Athey. Budget meeting will be August 30, 2021 at 6 p.m.
4. **Other items brought before Council for discussion** - no items discussed.

Closed Session - No closed session.

ADJOURNMENT - With no further business, Alderman Garrett motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

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