

**Minutes**  
**City Council Regular Meeting**  
**September 13, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL**

The City Council of the City of Villa Grove met in regular session on **Monday, September 13, 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, Pangburn, Cheely, Hooker, Garrett. City Administrator Athey, Clerk Osborne, Public Works Supervisor Lake, Police Chief Rea, 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 Garrett 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 regular City Council meeting, held August 9, 2021**
2. **Minutes of the closed session of the City Council meeting, held August 9, 2021**
3. **Minutes of the special Committee of the Whole meeting, held August 16, 2021**
4. **Minutes of the closed session of the special Committee of the Whole meeting, held August 16, 2021**
5. **Minutes of the last regular Committee of the Whole meeting, held August 23, 2021**
6. **Minutes of the last special Committee of the Whole meeting, held August 30, 2021**
7. **Authorization for the Payment of Bills**
8. **Financial Statements for the month ending July 31, 2021**
9. **Cash Balance Report for the month ending August 31, 2021**
10. **Approve Adams Street Lift Station repairs by Flow-Technics Inc**
11. **Approve Melrose Pyrotechnics contract for 2022 Fireworks show (7/1/22)**
12. **Approve hiring of temporary office help**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** - -No public comments.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR/OTHER REPORTS**

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS** - Chief Rea reported the PD is working on property ordinance enforcement. There were no applications for the SRO. Need to look at more ideas to make it appealing to applicants.

Public Works Director Lake reported OSHA is requiring us to put railing on the loading dock at the Water plant. The McCoy project is at the stage of tying water mains together and are ready to start on the new service lines.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT** - Jacki Athey reported: the grant extension has been approved by IDNR for 2 years. She will contact Ameren about adding lighting at Richman Park.

**MAYORAL REPORT** - Nothing to report.

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**BUSINESS**

- 1. Approval to execute contract for approved bidder of new Community Center (Broeren Russo)-** Alderman Hooker motioned for the intent to award a contract for the Community Center. Alderman Pangburn seconded the motion. Roll Call: Blaney, yea, Johnson, yea, Pangburn, yea, Cheely, yea, Hooker, yea, Garrett, yea. Motion passed.
  
- 2. Approval to research/apply for Rebuild Illinois Mainstreets & Downtown Corridors Grant-** Alderman Blaney motioned to approve applying to the Rebuild Illinois grant. Alderman Hooker seconded the motion. Roll Call: Blaney, yea, Johnson, yea, Pangburn, yea, Cheely, yea, Hooker, yea, Garrett, yea. Motion passed.

**CLOSED SESSION** - Alderman Garrett motioned to go into Closed Session at 6:48 pm according to the Open Meetings act Section2(c)(1) of 5 ILCS/120/2 Exceptions to the Open Meetings Act for the limited purpose of discussion of appointment, employment, discipline, compensation, performance or dismissal of specific employees. No further action will be taken after returning to the Open session. Alderman Cheely 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 7:56 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT** - With no further business, Alderman Blaney motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 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