

**Minutes**  
**Regular Committee of the Whole City Council Meeting**  
**September 27, 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, September 27, 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, Cheely, Hooker and Garrett. Aldermen Johnson and Pangburn were absent. City Administrator Athey, Clerk Osborne, Police Chief Rea, Public Works Director Lake, City Architect Brian Kesler, and representatives from Broeren Russo 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** - No Public comments were made.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT** - Jacki Athey reports the Audit documents are completed and she can now file those. Property tax payments were received. Other payments came in from IDOT, the U of I, and the EPA Loan. Payroll is this week. Jacki may be out of office on Monday.

**OTHER DEPARTMENT REPORTS** - Chief Rea had no report.

Public Works Director Lake reported the F450 truck is almost ready and will be sent to have repairs, which will take about 5-6 weeks. He also noted the F450 is the only truck fitted for the salt spreaders. Gasvoda had to repair the salt brine tank and the water plant scales due to the lighting strike of a few weeks ago.

**MAYORAL REPORT** - No report.

**BUSINESS**

1. **Community Center production controls for cost effectiveness**-Discussions with the COO of Broeren Russo, Sky Sanborn and the Project Manager Michael Hernandez about the community center project proceeded. The council mentioned their concerns about the prices and if there is any chance of lower bids due to falling prices in the marketplace. Mr. Sanborn stated there would not be much difference due to the main item still needed is steel and that market continues escalating in price. After some dialog, Broeren Russo stated as long as they are convinced the city is acting in good faith in moving forward with the project, they can go t back to the contractors and also work on places for savings to meet budgets.
2. **Establish hours for Trick-or-Treat for 2021**-It was brought to a consensus that the trick or treat hours will be held from 5-7pm on Halloween, October 31, 2021 and that this will continue to be the permanent time moving forward, regardless of the day of the week Halloween may fall on.
3. **Purchase of FD pagers (annual cycling of replacements)**-Council gave consensus to purchase the pagers.

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4. **Other items brought before Council for discussion**-approval for purchase of laptop for Public Works, and a paper shredder for the office.

**Closed Session** - Alderman Garrett motioned to go into Closed Session at 7:15 pm according to the Open Meetings act Section 2(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 property owned by the City and 2(c)(1) for discussion of specific personnel for employment compensation, discipline, appointment. No further action will be taken after returning to the Open session. Alderman Cheely seconded the motion. Roll Call: Blaney, yea, Cheely, yea, Hooker, yea, Garrett, yea. Motion passed. Return from Closed session to open session was at 8:03 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT** - With no further business, Alderman Garrett motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m. Alderman Cheely seconded the motion. Roll Call: Blaney, yea, Garrett, yea, Cheely, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

*Michelle L. Osborne*

Michelle L. Osborne, City Clerk  
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