

**Minutes
Public Hearing and City Council Regular Meeting
October 12, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER—ROLL CALL—Public Hearing for Budget for FY22

The City Council of the City of Villa Grove met in a Public Hearing session on **Tuesday, October 12, 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, Hooker. Aldermen Cheely and Garrett were absent. City Administrator Athey, Clerk Osborne, Public Works Supervisor Lake were also present. Council followed all COVID 19 protocols for social distancing.

The Public Hearing was for inspection of the FY 22 Budget for the City of Villa Grove and for questions regarding said budget. There were no attendees of the general public or public comments presented at the public hearing.

Alderman Hooker motioned to close the hearing at 6:30 pm, and a second was given by Alderman Blaney. Roll Call: Blaney, yea, Johnson, yea, Pangburn, yea, Hooker, yea. Meeting was adjourned to move into the Regular City Council meeting.

CALL TO ORDER—ROLL CALL

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - The Mayor stood and led all attendees in The Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA - Alderman Hooker motioned to approve the following Consent Agenda and a second was given by Alderman Blaney. Roll Call: Blaney, yea, Johnson, yea, Pangburn, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion passed.

1. **Minutes of the regular City Council meeting, held September 13, 2021**
2. **Minutes of the closed session of the City Council meeting, held September 13, 2021**
3. **Minutes of the regular Committee of the Whole meeting, held September 27, 2021**
4. **Minutes of the closed session of the regular Committee of the Whole meeting, held September 27, 2021**
5. **Authorization for the Payment of Bills**
6. **Financial Reports for the month ending August 31, 2021**
7. **Cash Balance Report for the month ending September 30, 2021**
8. **Approve purchase of FD pagers (annual cycling of replacements)**

PUBLIC COMMENTS-No public comments.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR/OTHER REPORTS

DEPARTMENT REPORTS - Public works Director Lake reported all of the lift stations are working well, except for

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Adams Street which is still undergoing modifications. McCoy subdivision has drainage issues from the recent rains, mostly on Ruby Street. F-G Engineer Kieser and PW Director Lake met and concluded the ditches need to be repaired by recutting them as soon as possible. Over time the ditches have filled with soil and closed off the drainage pipes. This issue needs to be addressed soon.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT - Jacki Athey reported: the draft of the audit has been received. The TIF report has been compiled for the Streetscape Grant application. She is working with some Employment Agencies to fill the vacant office position.

MAYORAL REPORT - Christmas Tree Lighting Festival updates: There will be a decorated Golf Cart Parade with a \$20 entrance fee. Half of the total amount collected will go to the winner, with the other half remaining for the committee. There will be a Craft Bazaar on the Main Street Plaza which will include other activities. There will be a fee for each vendor who sets up a table. The festival will take place Nov. 27, 2021.

BUSINESS

1. **Ordinance 2021-MC07—An Ordinance Approving the City of Villa Grove Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2022 (commonly known as the FY22 BUDGET ORDINANCE)** - Alderman Blaney motioned to approve the FY22 Budget Ordinance. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Blaney, yea, Johnson, yea, Pangburn, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion passed.
2. **Ordinance 2021-MC08 - An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the Employment Agreement by the City of Villa Grove for the Position of City Administrator** - Alderman Blaney motioned to approve the Mayor to execute the employment agreement with City Manager. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Blaney, yea, Johnson, yea, Pangburn, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion passed.
3. **Approve IEPA loan disbursement request no. 4** - Alderman Hooker motioned to approve the IEPA Loan disbursement #4. Alderman Pangburn seconded the motion. Roll Call: Blaney, yea, Johnson, yea, Pangburn, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion passed.
4. **Approve Cross Construction pay request no. 2** - Alderman Blaney motioned to pay Cross Construction payment #2 for work completed so far at McCoy. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Blaney, yea, Johnson, yea, Pangburn, yea, Hooker, nay. Motion passed.
5. **Approve purchase of salt spreaders** - Alderman Pangburn motioned to approve the purchase of salt spreaders from Chambana Sales, with the lowest quote of \$11K. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Blaney, yea, Johnson, yea, Pangburn, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion passed.
6. **Approve purchase of swing arm mower for Bobcat** - Alderman Hooker motioned to approve the purchase of a swing arm mower for the Bobcat from Birkey's. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Blaney, yea, Johnson, yea, Pangburn, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion passed.
7. **Approve attendance of Treasurer to annual IMTA Institute (November 14-18)** - Alderman Blaney motioned to approve Treasurer Athey's attendance. Alderman Pangburn seconded the motion. Roll Call: Blaney, yea, Johnson, yea, Pangburn, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion passed.

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8. **Approve assignment of next year's Fireworks contract to Pyrotecnico Fireworks, Inc.** - Due to Melrose Pyrotechnic selling the business, an approval of assigning the contract to the new owners was needed. Alderman Blaney motioned to approve the reassignment of the contract. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Blaney, yea, Johnson, yea, Pangburn, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion passed.

9. **Approve IDOT permit application-related expenses for the placement of waste disposal containers on the state easement near the Route 130 Bridge/VG School** - Alderman Blaney motioned to NOT approve the permit application fees for waste containers on the new bridge. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Blaney, yea, Johnson, yea, Pangburn, yea, Hooker, yea. The motion to deny the application fees was passed.

10. **Approve moving forward with Municode for new website and municipal code hosting (ARPA eligible)** - Alderman Hooker motioned to approve using Municode for website and municipal code hosting in a move to create a more user-friendly governmental website and streamlining the codification process. Alderman Pangburn seconded the motion. Roll Call: Blaney, yea, Johnson, yea, Pangburn, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion passed.

CLOSED SESSION - No Closed session was needed.

ADJOURNMENT - With no further business, Alderman Blaney motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 pm. Alderman Hooker seconded the motion. Roll Call: Blaney, yea, Johnson, yea, Pangburn, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Osborne

Michelle L. Osborne, City Clerk

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