

Minutes
Committee of the Whole City Council Meeting
October 25, 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, October 25, 2021**, in Council Chambers. Mayor Eversole-Gunter called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call found the following members present: Aldermen Blaney, Johnson, Pangburn, Cheely, Hooker and Garrett. City Administrator Athey, Clerk Osborne, Public Works Director Lake, Police Chief Rea, Sky Sanborn of Broeren Russo, and Brian Kesler of Architectural Expressions, 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.

BUSINESS

1. **Lexipol contract** - Police Chief Rea gave a summary about Lexipol and what they do. They “help agencies address issues that create substantial risk, including: Inconsistent and outdated policies, Lack of technology to easily update and issue policies and training electronically, Unchecked mental health needs of staff, Difficulty keeping up with new and changing legislation and practices, Inability to produce policy acknowledgment and training documentation, Unfamiliarity of city legal resources with the intricacies of public safety law, The need to secure grant funding for critical equipment, infrastructure and personnel.” As Chief Rea stated, this will improve many areas of the police department that are needed in today’s environment. A consensus was given to move ahead with this agreement. Voting will be at the next regular meeting.
2. **Community Center update** - Sky Sanborn from Broeren Russo was in attendance to present some value engineering items for the Community Center project. Architect Brian Kesler was also in attendance to answer questions. A discussion happened on what can be done to reduce costs, the timeline everyone is facing, and how to move forward. Questions were answered and a clearer idea of the project came about with this meeting. There will be a Special voting meeting held on Nov. 1, 2021.
3. **McCoy/Ruby Street Drainage survey agreement with Fehr Graham** - The drainage issues on Ruby Street in McCoy subdivision were discussed. The drainage ditches there have filled in over time with soil and have closed off drainage. This drainage issue was brought to light recently with heavy rains and the current water main project. A consensus was given to have Fehr-Graham do a survey at the cost of no more than \$2000.
4. **Streetscape agreement with Fehr Graham**-Fehr Graham is assisting with the Streetscape grant application and consensus was given for the fees for the application.
5. **TIF request from Roy Rentals** - Roy Rentals submitted their TIF request for assistance with buildings that require tuckpointing and stabilization of walls. Our TIF consultant submitted a report of the project of repairing these three buildings and what it would do for the values and increases in TIF income. A consensus was reached to give a 50% grant over 3 years.

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6. Other items brought before the Council for discussion - none were brought forward.

ADJOURNMENT - With no further business, Alderman Hooker motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Alderman Pangburn seconded the motion. Roll Call: Blaney, yea, Johnson, yea, Garrett, yea, Cheely, 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