

**Minutes  
Regular City Council Meeting  
January 18, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL**

The City Council of the City of Villa Grove met in regular session on **Tuesday, January 18, 2022**, 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, Pangburn, and Garrett. Aldermen Johnson, Cheely and Hooker were absent. City Administrator Athey, Clerk Osborne, Public Works Supervisor Lake, and 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 (ITEMS FOR SINGLE-VOTE APPROVAL WITHOUT DISCUSSION)** - Alderman Blaney motioned to approve the full consent agenda. Alderman Pangburn seconded the motion. Roll Call: Blaney, yea, Garrett, yea, Pangburn, yea, Mayor Eversole-Gunter, yea. Motion approved.

1. **Minutes of the regular City Council meeting, held December 13, 2021**
2. **Minutes of the closed session of the regular City Council meeting, held December 13, 2021**
3. **Minutes of the regular Committee of the Whole meeting, held December 27, 2021**
4. **Authorization for the Payment of Bills**
5. **Financial Statements for the month ending November 30, 2021**
6. **Cash Balance Report for the month ending December 31, 2021**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** - Mike Cline attended and spoke, giving a compliment to the City for the handling of the water outage. He said this made him also think of the possibility of a fire when this happens and having a backup 'dry hydrant' for pulling water out of the reservoir. PW Director Lake confirmed this is already in place.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR/OTHER REPORTS**

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT** - Jacki Athey reported: The Streetscape grant has been submitted.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:** No report from the Police Chief Rea. Public Works director Lake reported that rubber time road roller from Camargo is for sale for \$2,000. Asked if we could purchase it as the benefits would be better road compaction than our metal one gives. Consensus was given for him to purchase if needed.

**MAYORAL REPORT** - Road work -any alternative vendors we could contact. Congratulations to Randy Lake and Jacki Athey on their management of the broken water main project. Thank you goes out to Jacki Athey, Mayor Eversole-Gunter, Randy Lake and crew, A&R Contractors, Bob Stipp, IAW, IDOT, Frank Miller, and many more. A special thank you to Connor Block from Tolono for his help as well as to the Village of Tolono for sending him. The Peace Meal team delivered water to homebound Seniors during the water outage.

**BUSINESS**

1. **Approve Essence Chemical quote for street paint**-Alderman Blaney motioned to authorize the purchase of street paint from Essence Chemical. Alderman Garrett seconded the motion. Roll Call: Blaney, yea, Garrett, yea, Pangburn, yea, Mayor Eversole-Gunter, yea. Motion approved.

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2. **Approve Illini FS quote for fluid service** - Alderman Garrett motioned to approve the pricing from Illini FS for fluid service. Alderman Pangburn seconded the motion. Roll Call: Blaney, yea, Garrett, yea, Pangburn, yea, Mayor Eversole-Gunter, yea. Motion approved.
3. **Approve park improvements (water fountains and lighting)** - Alderman Garrett motioned to approve purchasing water fountains and lighting (solar) for the park. Roll Call: Blaney, yea, Garrett, yea, Pangburn, yea, Mayor Eversole-Gunter, yea. Motion approved.
4. **Establish Juneteenth holiday recognition** - Alderman Garrett motioned to approve recognizing June 19 as the Juneteenth Holiday, however, this will not be a paid time off holiday. Alderman Pangburn seconded the motion. Roll Call: Blaney, yea, Garrett, yea, Pangburn, yea, Mayor Eversole-Gunter, yea. Motion approved.

**CLOSED SESSION** - Alderman Garrett motioned to go into Closed Session at 6:35 pm according to the Open Meetings act Section 2(c)(1) of 5 ILCS/120/2 Exceptions to the Open Meetings Act for the limited purpose of discussion of appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees. There will be no further action taken after returning to the Open session. Alderman Blaney seconded the motion. Roll Call: Blaney, yea, Garrett, yea, Pangburn, yea, Mayor Eversole-Gunter, yea. Motion approved. Return from Closed session to open session was at 7:14 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT** - With no further business, Alderman Blaney motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 pm. Alderman Pangburn seconded the motion. Roll Call: Blaney, yea, Garrett, yea, Pangburn, yea, Mayor Eversole-Gunter, yea. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

*Michelle L. Osborne*

Michelle L. Osborne, City Clerk

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