

Minutes
Committee of the Whole City Council Meeting
May 23, 2022

CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

The City Council Committee of the Whole of the City of Villa Grove met in regular session on **Monday, May 23, 2022** in Council Chambers. Mayor Eversole-Gunter called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Roll call found the following members present: Alderman Blaney, Garrett, Cheely and Hooker. Aldermen Johnson and Pangburn were absent. City Administrator Athey, Clerk Osborne, PD Director 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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT - Ms. Athey stated the budget is almost complete. The ambulance contract is out for signatures, but she hopes it will be back soon. The scrubber is completed. Waiting for the bio parts to build up before it can be running at 100%. The financial audit begins after July 4, 2022.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS - Police Chief Rea reports the PD has been dealing with ordinance violations, but there is really no good solution to get them resolved that does not involve spending lots of money and time with court proceedings. Further discussion on ideas is welcome. Officer Cole Tibbetts is now the School Resource Officer.

MAYORAL REPORT - The McCoy issues will be wrapped up by Fehr-Graham and Cross Construction.

BUSINESS

1. FY23 Budget items remaining-Summer Rec is left to complete and then the Public Hearing can be set up in June.
2. Completed Sludge application-application has been sent to IEPA.
3. Other items brought for discussion-Discussion was given on possibly having elections for alderman at large, rather than by Wards due to the issue of having trouble finding people to serve in each ward. Fundraisers for non-profit groups were discussed and ideas for possible ones for groups such as the fire department, etc.

CLOSED SESSION - No Closed Session was required.

ADJOURNMENT-With no further business, Alderman Garrett motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. Alderman Cheely seconded the motion. Roll Call: Blaney, yea, Garrett, yea, Cheely, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Osborne

Michelle L. Osborne, City Clerk

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