

Minutes
Committee of the Whole City Council Meeting
June 27, 2022

CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

The City Council Committee of the Whole of the City of Villa Grove met in the regular session on **Monday, June 27, 2022** in Council Chambers. Mayor Eversole-Gunter called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Roll call found the following members present: Alderman Blaney, Johnson, Garrett, Cheely, Pangburn, and Hooker. City Administrator Athey was absent. Clerk Osborne, PD Director Rea, and PW Director Lake 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 - Ed Carleton attended and reported on the County board meeting held June 24, which discussed the ARPA funds distribution from the County to the Cities. He brought the chart showing that many towns got funds except for Villa Grove. This was done by the current County Board. We will direct Jacki to contact them and ask why we were not informed of the process for asking for funds.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT - No report she was absent.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS - No P.D. Report. Public Works: Director Lake said Walker will bring equipment on Wednesday to start paving work. They will begin in McCoy on Thursday. The scrubber is still not working correctly and more repairs are scheduled. The old sewer lift station is inoperable. The #2 pump has been removed, and Gasvoda is lending a pump while the other is repaired. The #1 pump is at the bottom of the pit, not working. Not sure how that will be fixed.

MAYORAL REPORT - The Mayor will ask City Admin. to check on being able to move ahead with closing the loan on the water plant and then working on the scrubber as a warranty item, in order to get things moving towards the sale of the water utilities. The fireworks festivities will begin at 5:30 pm on Friday, Jul 1, 2022 with many activities happening from various vendors-the Library will have things for the children, there is a bike parade, other small games, food vendors. The fireworks themselves will be at dusk. All of the vendors have checked in and are ready for the evening.

BUSINESS

1. Grading of West Ditch - PW Director Lake said the West ditch is not draining and something has to be done to get rid of the standing water. The drop on this was measured and it is only ½ inch! Estimate for grading is \$1000. Council gave consensus to get this done quickly.
2. Potential hazard pay for COVID hours in 2020 - Council will go to closed session for discussion of this since there are some specific employees who will be brought up in the discussion.
3. Attendance for IML Conference in Chicago, Sept. 15-17, 2022 - The mayor asked who wants to go, and it will be Alderman Hooker and the Mayor. Others may decide to go.
4. Other items brought to the council - Alderman Hooker gave kudos to Waste Management on the Clean Up Day, held curbside in town. All seemed to go well.

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CLOSED SESSION - Alderman Cheely motioned to go into closed session at 7:01 pm to under the Open Meetings Act according to section 2(c)(1) of 5ILCS/120/2 Exceptions to Open Meetings Act for the discussion of appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees. Alderman Pangburn seconded the motion. Roll Call: Alderman Blaney, yea, Johnson, yea, Garrett, yea, Cheely, yea, Pangburn, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion carried. Council returned to open session at 7:38 pm.

ADJOURNMENT - With no further business, Alderman Cheely motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m. Alderman Pangburn seconded the motion. Roll Call: Alderman Blaney, yea, Johnson, yea, Garrett, yea, Cheely, yea, Pangburn, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Osborne

Michelle L. Osborne, City Clerk

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