

**Minutes**  
**City of Villa Grove, Illinois**  
**Special City Council Meeting**  
**September 21, 2022**

**Call to Order—Roll Call:** The City Council of the City of Villa Grove met in special session on Wednesday, September 21, 2022, in Council Chambers. Mayor Eversole-Gunter called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Roll call found the following members present: Alderpersons Blaney, Garrett, Johnson and Pangburn. City Administrator Athey, PW Director Lake and City Attorney Marc Miller were also present. City Clerk Osborne was absent.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** The Mayor stood and led all attendees in The Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Comments:** There were no members of the public present.

**Consideration of Approval of a Plat of the City Utility Plant/System:** Alderman Garrett motioned to approve the plat of survey for part of the SE ¼ Section 3 Township 16N Range 9 East, 3rd PM for the City of Villa Grove, Illinois, as presented related to the City Sewer Plant and suspending any ordinance requirements otherwise regarding the same. Alderwoman Blaney seconded the motion. Roll Call: Garrett, yea; Pangburn, yea; Blaney, yea; Johnson, yea. Motion carried unanimously.

**Discussion of the Sale of the Water and Wastewater Systems:** Attorney Miller updated the Council on the last-minute issues that had come up concerning payoff of the IEPA loans. After meetings with the attorney for Illinois American Water and consulting Administrator Athey, it was agreed by the parties that amount of 1.5 times the loans be put into escrow with Chicago Title Company until the calculations done by the IEPA and Illinois Finance Authority are completed. There will be some cost which is unknown at this time, but we really have no choice to get the loans paid for a clear title to ILAW. Once the final payoffs are received and withdrawn, the remaining funds will come to the City. The same holds true for a small amount to be held in escrow for some final easement work that could not be finished as the existing records were vague and not clear enough for ILAW's comfort so they are to be re-defined and recorded.

It was also noted that Zoning Secretary Beth Elston would be attending the closing on behalf of Clerk Osborne, who is ill and cannot attend.

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**Adjournment:** With no further business, Alderman Garrett motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:21 p.m. Alderwoman Blaney seconded the motion. Roll call: Garrett, yea; Pangburn, yea; Blaney, yea; Johnson, yea. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jacqueline S. Athey*

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