

**Minutes**  
**Regular City Council Meeting**  
**September 26, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL**

The City Council of the City of Villa Grove met in regular session on **Monday, September 26, 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, Johnson, Garrett, Cheely, Hooker. Alderman Pangburn was absent. City Administrator Athey, Clerk Osborne, PW Director Lake, PD 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 Hooker motioned to TABLE the full consent agenda. Alderman Cheely seconded the motion. Roll Call: Blaney, yea, Johnson, yea, Garrett, yea, Cheely, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion approved to TABLE to later date.

1. Minutes of the regular City Council meeting, held September 12, 2022
2. Minutes of the special City Council meeting held September 21, 2022
3. Financial Reports for the month ending June 30, 2022
4. Financial reports for the month ending July 31, 2022
5. Cash Balance Report for the month ending August 31, 2022

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** - Pheasant Pointe residents Lisa Carlson, David and Jean Olson spoke as to the condition of the streets in the subdivision being very poor and also the retention pond is not being taken care of and is attracting nuisance animals, plants and weeds, including poison ivy and poison oak. Also the intersection on Raccoon Road and Pheasant Road has been cracked for 3 years and is now getting a large hole in it, which could be dangerous to vehicles. The Mayor stated they had been out to look at these issues earlier in the day and directed PW Director Lake to investigate and take action on issues.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR/OTHER REPORTS**

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:** Jacki Athey reported: Most of her time since the closing of the utility sale on 9/22/22 has been spent on issues relating to wrapping up the sale and also to finishing out water billing. She did not have time to get the financial reports completed for this meeting.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:** Public Works: Director Randy Lake reported things were relatively quiet since the sale and they are looking at an issue at the request of the Pentecostal Church about sidewalks that are breaking by the church. Police report: Chief Rea reported Officer Campbell is now certified by the State and is working full time. Officer Mingo has resigned. They have sent out 25 letters for tall grass ordinance violations. Council and Mayor asked him to research the house that burned on Hancock and get a status on the demolition.

**MAYORAL REPORT** - The Mayor reported they had a successful closing of the utility sale on 9/22/22. The movie night will be October 7 at the Plaza.

**BUSINESS**

1. **Ordinance 2022-MC09—An Ordinance Amending Sections 31.16 and 31.34 of Title III, Chapter 31 of the Municipal Code of the City of Villa Grove (Regarding Salaries of Certain Officials)** - Alderman Hooker motioned to approve Ordinance 2022-MC09. Second was given by Alderman Cheely. Roll

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2. **Approve Broeren Russo Builders Inc Pay Application 3** - Alderman Blaney motioned to approve the third payment request from Broeren Russo. Alderman Garrett seconded the motion. Roll Call: Blaney, yea, Johnson, yea, Garrett, yea, Cheely, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion approved.
3. **Authorize transfer of utility sale proceeds to The Illinois Funds** - Alderman Blaney motioned to transfer the sale proceeds from the utility sale to The Illinois Funds. Alderman Cheely seconded the motion. Roll Call: Blaney, yea, Johnson, yea, Garrett, yea, Cheely, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion approved.
4. **Approve payment of all customers' service deposits to pending final utility bills** - Alderman Blaney motioned to approve payment of all service deposits for final water bills. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Blaney, yea, Johnson, yea, Garrett, yea, Cheely, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion approved.

**CLOSED SESSION** - Alderman Cheely motioned to go into closed session at 7:15 pm 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 Hooker seconded the motion. Roll Call: Blaney, yea, Johnson, yea, Garrett, yea, Cheely, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion carried. Council returned to open session at 8:22 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT** - With no further business, Alderman Garrett motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 pm. Alderman Hooker seconded the motion. Roll Call: Blaney, yea, Johnson, yea, Garrett, yea, Cheely, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

*Michelle L. Osborne*

Michelle L. Osborne, City Clerk

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