

Minutes
Regular City Council Meeting
December 12, 2022

CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

The City Council of the City of Villa Grove met in regular session on **Monday, December 12, 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, Garrett, Hooker, and Johnson. Aldermen Pangburn and Cheely were absent. City Administrator Athey, Clerk Osborne, PW Director Lake, PD Chief Rea, Zest for Life program director Melanie Brooks, Fire Chief Black, and other firefighters, and sales rep. Russ Campbell, from Mac's Fire & Safety, were also present.

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 Johnson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Blaney, yea, Johnson, yea, Garrett, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion approved.

1. Minutes of the regular City Council meeting, held November 28, 2022
2. Approve Claims for Payments
3. Financial Reports for the month ending October 31, 2022
4. Cash Balance Report for the month ending November 30, 2022

PUBLIC COMMENTS - No comments made.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR/OTHER REPORTS

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT - Jacki Athey reported: working on the tax levy numbers, other financials, and talked to the TIF attorney about annexation. There was a chlorine leak in the office today and they spent all day cleaning up and moving things.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS: Melanie Brooks, Director of the Peace Meal and Senior programs: she asked for mailbox to be put up at the center for mail delivery there rather than having it go up to the main office; the doors to the center need to be replaced with ADA acceptable doors; and she would like to purchase card tables for the Euchre group that meets. Consensus was given to all of these items to move forward.

No other Department Heads had reports.

MAYORAL REPORT - no report.

BUSINESS

1. **Ordinance 2022-MC12—An Ordinance Authorizing Tax Levy** - Alderman Blaney motioned to approve Ordinance 2022-MC12. Alderman Garrett seconded the motion. Roll Call: Blaney, yea, Johnson, yea, Garrett, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion approved.
2. **Approve 2023 Schedule of Meetings** - Alderman Garrett motioned to approve next year's meeting schedule. Alderman Blaney seconded the motion. Roll Call: Blaney, yea, Johnson, yea, Garrett, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion approved.

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3. **Approve Broeren Russo Builders Inc Pay App No 6 (if received)** - Alderman Hooker motioned to TABLE this until it is received from the contractor. Alderman Garrett seconded the motion. Roll Call: Blaney, yea, Johnson, yea, Garrett, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion approved to TABLE.
4. **Approve execution of contract to purchase new fire truck** - Alderman Johnson motioned to approve a contract for the purchase of a new fire truck from Mac's Fire & Equipment of Litchfield, IL. The truck will be on order but will take 2 years for the build time. Cost is \$1,324,080.10. The last truck was purchased in 1999. Discussion of benefits of this truck vs. competitor is that this includes more on the truck for about the same price, there is a \$10k store credit they will give to allow the company to borrow the truck for demos, a Bumper-to-Bumper warranty for 1 year with other warranties for drive train, ladder, tank, paint and lettering all for different lengths of time. This is a formed body that is welded for strength and longer lasting up to 30 years. This is a local company that does not demand that you purchase service and parts from them, and there is a company in Hammond (Yeakley's) that is a certified service provider. Alderman Hooker seconded the motion. Roll Call: Blaney, yea, Johnson, yea, Garrett, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion approved.
5. **Approve opening of additional "Reserve Fund" account in Illinois Funds for investment** - Alderman Blaney motioned to approve opening a reserve fund account. Alderman Hooker seconded the motion. Roll Call: Blaney, yea, Johnson, yea, Garrett, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion approved.
6. **Approve purchase of land/economic development** - Alderman Hooker motioned to approve the purchase of land for economic development. Alderman Garrett seconded the motion. Roll Call: Blaney, yea, Johnson, yea, Garrett, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion approved.
7. **Approve contract for annexation and revised subdivision plats** - Alderman Hooker motioned to approve the contract for annexation and revised subdivision plats. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Blaney, yea, Johnson, yea, Garrett, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion approved.
8. **Volunteer of the Year presentation** - Mayor Eversole-Gunter presented citizen Tony Kramer with the Volunteer of the Year Award for all of his dedication of personal service to places all around the city that he sees need improvement and just goes and does what is needed such as mowing lawns that are overgrown, weeding plots of flowers, picking up trash in public areas, etc. He goes about this on his own and the City of Villa Grove and its citizens thank Mr. Kramer for his dedication.
9. **Approve Administrator's attendance to ILCMA Winter Conference (Feb 8-10)** - Alderman Garrett motioned to approve City Administrator Athey attending the ILCMA Winter Conference. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Blaney, yea, Johnson, yea, Garrett, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion approved.

CLOSED SESSION - Alderman Hooker motioned to go into Closed Session at 7:15 pm 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 AND under Section 2/(c)5 for the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body. There will be further action taken upon return to open session. Alderman Garrett seconded the motion. Roll Call: Blaney, yea, Johnson, yea, Garrett, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion approved. Council returned to Open Session at 8:30 pm.

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ADJOURNMENT - With no further business, Alderman Hooker motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 pm. Alderman Garrett seconded the motion. Roll Call: Blaney, yea, Johnson, yea, Garrett, 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