

**Minutes**  
**Committee of the Whole City Council Meeting**  
**December 27, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL**

The City Council of the City of Villa Grove met in the regular Committee of the Whole session on **Tuesday, December 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. Alderman Hooker was absent. City Administrator Athey, Clerk Osborne, PD Director Rea, and PW Director Lake were also present.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - The Mayor stood and led all attendees in The Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** - No Public in attendance for comments.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT** - Jacki Athey stated: She will be out on Thursday of this week (12/29/22). She is mostly catching up on any year end items right now.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS** - P.D. Report-Chief Rea-New laws go into effect Jan. 1, 2023, including the SafeTAct, which has no cash bail beginning.

Public Works: Director Lake has no updates.

**MAYORAL REPORT** - The Mayor had no updates.

**BUSINESS**

1. Bereavement Rights law update-Jacki informed this extends the unpaid leave that can be taken by an employee. From the act: "...leave time requirements to cover pregnancy loss, failed adoptions or surrogacy agreements, unsuccessful reproductive procedures, and other diagnoses or events negatively impacting pregnancy or fertility. The FBLA also requires employers to provide leave time after the loss of family members previously not covered by the CBLA, including spouses, domestic partners, siblings, grandparents, and stepparents. Employees may take up to two weeks, or 10 working days, of unpaid leave time for any of the events covered by the FBLA to grieve, to attend a funeral, or to make arrangements necessitated by the death of the family member."
2. Minimum Wage increase for 2023-The minimum wage will go up to \$13 per hour on Jan. 1,2023.
3. IMRF rate decrease for 2023-Jacki reports there is a decrease in our IMRF rate to 6.77 for this year.
4. Consensus to approve Broeren Russo Pay Request No. 6-Consensus was given to pay the Broeren Russo Pay request 6. Council noted that everything has been exactly on time from their initial schedule of the project.
5. Consensus to approve employment contract for Director of Public Works-after returning from Closed Session, there was a consensus to move forward with approving the contract for the Public Works Director, which will be effective as of Jan. 3, 2023.

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6. Other items brought before the Council for discussion-no other items discussed.

**CLOSED SESSION** - Alderman Garrett motioned to go into closed session at 6:12 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 for 2(c)(5) possible purchase or lease of real estate for use by City, and Alderman Cheely seconded the motion. There will be further business to be conducted after. Roll Call: Alderman Blaney, yea, Cheely, yea, Johnson, yea, Garrett, yea, Pangburn, yea. Motion carried. Council returned to open session at 7:42 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT** - With no further business, Alderman Cheely motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m. Alderman Garrett seconded the motion. Roll Call: Alderman Blaney, yea, Cheely, yea, Johnson, yea, Garrett, yea, Pangburn, yea. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

*Michelle L. Osborne*

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