

**Minutes  
Regular City Council Meeting  
February 27, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL**

The City Council of the City of Villa Grove met in regular session on **Monday, February 27, 2023**, in Council Chambers. Mayor Eversole-Gunter called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Roll call found the following members present: Alderman Garrett, Hooker, Cheely, Pangburn, and Johnson. Aldermen Blaney was absent. City Administrator Athey, Clerk Osborne, PW Director Mixell, PD Chief Rea, CCPS Director Surowka, City attorneys Marc Miller, Justin Brunner, and Tiffany Byrne, and architect Brian Kesler for the community center 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 Garrett motioned to approve the full consent agenda. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Garrett, yea, Cheely, yea, Pangburn, yea, and Hooker, yea. Motion approved.

1. Minutes of the regular City Council meeting, held February 13, 2023
2. Financial Reports for the Month Ending November 30, 2022
3. Key Equipment quote for street sweeper brooms replacements

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**-No comments made.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR/OTHER REPORTS**

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT** - Jacki Athey reported: There was a financial software update last week that created some issues with reporting that made it difficult to get the reports for this meeting. She hopes it will be fixed by the next meeting. Bethany Surowka started working as the Director of CCPS this week.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:** Director of PW Mixell reported asked for a consensus for the plumbing and drain work for the new shop and old shop. Consensus given. No other reports given.

**MAYORAL REPORT** - There is a dinner on April 30 at the Pentecostal Church that the council has been invited to attend in thanks for their community service. Please let Jacki know if you will attend. Street Name Changes: the mayor would like a consideration of the council to change names of the street that runs through town as a major East-West Corridor has two names-Harrison and Front Streets, this would become Harrison Street throughout. Also for the road that goes all around Henson Park, to become Frank Thomas Drive. Also, as an honorary street name, for Beech Lane to be Gabbard Lane. Council gave consensus to do this once the research is completed for how to complete these changes.

**BUSINESS**

1. **Ordinance 2023-MC03—An Ordinance Regarding the Use of Alcohol on City-Owned Properties**  
- Alderman Hooker motioned to approve Ordinance 2023-MC03 for use of alcohol on city property. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Alderman Garrett Recused himself. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Cheely, yea, Pangburn, yea, and Hooker, yea. Motion approved.
2. **Increase the number of liquor licenses** - Alderman Hooker motioned to add liquor licenses to accommodate a Liquor pour license for convenience stores to enable video gambling on premises. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion to add licenses. Alderman Garrett recused

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himself from this vote. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Cheely, yea, Pangburn, yea, and Hooker, yea. Motion approved.

3. **Flooring material change for Community Center gymnasium**-A discussion about the flooring choice of the gymnasium brought about issues to be considered for using a wood floor as opposed to the original choice of a synthetic floor. The original plans for the building called for a synthetic floor (in 2014), so that is what was followed for this layout of the building. Unfortunately, this was not addressed specifically in the new planning and was only recently discovered as an issue. This came after the concrete has been poured, and other work has been done, so the added cost will also be including the adaptations that have to be made to accommodate the height differences. The estimate for added costs is \$200k. Council felt it is worth it for the longevity and performance of a wood floor. Alderman Hooker motioned to change the flooring material in the new community center gym to wood instead of synthetic flooring. Alderman Cheely seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Garrett, no, Cheely, yea, Pangburn, yea, and Hooker, yea. Motion approved.
4. **Approve change order from Ridgeline Builders**-A thermal barrier has to be installed against the metal in the new shop to bring it up to code, which resulted in a change order from the builder. Alderman Hooker motioned to approve the change order from Ridgeline Builders. Alderman Pangburn seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Garrett, yea, Cheely, yea, Pangburn, yea, and Hooker, yea. Motion approved.
5. **Approve purchase of mosquito spraying materials from Mug-A-Bug**-Alderman Pangburn approved the motion for the purchase of new spraying materials. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Alderman Pangburn seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Garrett, yea, Cheely, yea, Pangburn, yea, and Hooker, yea. Motion approved.
6. **Consideration of name changes for Streets**-The Mayor opened the discussion of street name changes describing the issue as having confusing street names for emergency services, etc. There are East Walnut and East Elm. Alderman Hooker motioned to rename the streets to correlate with Wilson and Vine Streets. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Garrett, yea, Cheely, yea, Pangburn, yea, and Hooker, yea. Motion approved.

**CLOSED SESSION** - Alderman Pangburn motioned to go into Closed Session at 7:38 pm under the Open Meetings Act per Section 2/(c)(5) of 5ILCS/120/2 Exceptions to Open Meetings Act for the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body; 2(c)(1) for personnel, and 2(c)11 for the purpose of probably litigation. There will be no further action taken upon return to open session. Alderman Garrett seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Garrett, yea, Cheely, yea, Pangburn, yea, and Hooker, yea. Motion approved.

Council returned to open session at 8:09 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT** - With no further business, Alderman Hooker motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm. Alderman Cheely seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Garrett, yea, Cheely, yea, Pangburn, yea, and Hooker, yea. Motion approved.

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Respectfully submitted,

*Michelle L. Osborne*

Michelle L. Osborne, City Clerk

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