

**Minutes  
Regular City Council Meeting  
April 10, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL**

The City Council of the City of Villa Grove met in regular session on **Monday, April 10, 2023**, 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, Pangburn and Johnson. Aldermen Cheely was absent. City Administrator Athey, Clerk Osborne, PW Director Mixell, PD Chief Rea, CCPS Director Surowka 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 Johnson motioned to approve the full consent agenda. Alderman Hooker seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Garrett, yea, Blaney, yea, Pangburn, yea, and Hooker, yea. Motion approved.

1. Minutes of the closed session of the City Council meeting, held February 27, 2023
2. Minutes of the regular City Council meeting, held March 13, 2023
3. Minutes of the regular Committee of the Whole meeting, held March 27, 2023
4. Financial Reports for the month ending February 28, 2023
5. Authorization for the Payment for Bills
6. Broeren Russo Pay Req No 9
7. Approve signature for Change Order 12 for Community Center [floor]
8. Administrator's attendance to WIU Midwest CDI

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** - No comments made.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR/OTHER REPORTS**

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT** - Jacki Athey reported: The bond closing was last week. Real Estate closing on Friday, 4/14/23.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:** Chief of Police Rea: Completed the budget and submitted to Jacki.

Director of PW Mixell report: Spring cleanup through 4/14/23. Field work is being done on the ball fields. The new shop building is progressing well and is almost done.

Director of CCS Surowka: Reported that baseball, softball registration is done. We have received an AED donation from Carle and other donations are coming in. First baseball game will be April 24, 2023.

Other report: Alderman Hooker suggested the council be in the Loyalty Day Parade on May 6.

**MAYORAL REPORT** - The Splash Pad is going forward and we hope to open it at the same time as the building. Garrett Miller, the supervisor of the rodeo will be at the May meeting to present the needs of that group.

**BUSINESS**

1. **Jake Wolf – Engineering Resource Associates re park/road/ballfield development plans for Richman Sports Complex.** Jake Wolf from ERA engineering was present to discuss options for layout of Richman Park. Gave a number of options to consider. In general: 1) Flip 2 fields and do a road around the park; 2) Improving overall site with more buildings on it; or 3) Grander idea

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would include purchase of more land for longer term development. Discussion of a master plan needed to get input from all parties. That will be the first step. Jake will be back with more later and a contract.

2. **Ordinance 2023-MC06 – An Ordinance Assigning Street Names and Property Address Changes to Real Estate in the City of Villa Grove, Douglas County, Illinois, Located on East Front and Harrison Streets.** Alderman Blaney motioned to change some street names to align with 911. Alderman Pangburn seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Garrett, yea, Blaney, yea, Pangburn, yea, and Hooker, yea. Motion approved.
3. **Ordinance 2023-MC07 – An Ordinance Assigning a Street Name to Real Estate in the City of Villa Grove, Douglas County, Illinois, Located through Henson Park.** Alderman Hooker motioned to approve naming the street around Henson Park. Alderman Blaney seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Garrett, yea, Blaney, yea, Pangburn, yea, and Hooker, yea. Motion approved.
4. **Ordinance 2023-MC08 - An Ordinance Amending Title III, Chapter 39 of the Municipal Code of the City of Villa Grove, Douglas County, Illinois, Adding An Employee Appreciation Policy.** Alderman Hooker motioned to approve adding an employee appreciation policy to the city code. Alderman Pangburn seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Garrett, yea, Blaney, yea, Pangburn, yea, and Hooker, yea. Motion approved.
5. **Resolution 2023-R03 – A Resolution Designating Beech Lane with the Honorary Street Name Sign “Gabbard Lane”.** Alderman Blaney approved the motion for the honorary street name of Gabbard Lane on Beech Lane. Alderman Garrett seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Garrett, yea, Blaney, yea, Pangburn, yea, and Hooker, yea. Motion approved.
6. **Resolution 2023-R04 – A Resolution declaring surplus equipment for trade.** Alderman Garrett motioned to approve Resolution 2023-R04 for declaring surplus equipment for trade. Alderman Hooker seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Garrett, yea, Pangburn, yea, and Hooker, yea. Motion approved.
7. **Resolution 2023-R05 – A Resolution for Waiving the Formal Bidding Requirement and Accepting a Quote for Building Insulation and Finishing.** Alderman Hooker motioned to approve Resolution 2023-R05. Alderman Garrett seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Garrett, yea, Pangburn, yea, and Hooker, yea. Motion approved.
8. **Approve quote for sump pump placement at Zest for Life Center-Alderman Blaney motioned to approve the quote for the sump pump.** Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Garrett, yea, Pangburn, yea, and Hooker, yea. Motion approved.
9. **Approve survey boundary for Renfrow property, contingent on formal plat map approval of Crawford's Second Subdivision.** Planning and Zoning Chairman Mike Cline was present to add information from the committee meeting-he said there will be a subdivision plat map created for this area after the closing on 4/14/23. There is also interest in this area from a developer, who contacted the committee. Alderman Hooker motioned to approve the boundary. Alderman

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

**CLOSED SESSION** - Alderman Hooker motioned to go into Closed Session at 7:24 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. There will be no further action taken upon return to open session. Alderman Garrett seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Garrett, yea, Pangburn, yea, and Hooker, yea. Motion approved.

Council returned to open session at 7:44 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT** - With no further business, Alderman Pangburn motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm. Alderman Hooker seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Garrett, yea, Pangburn, yea, and Hooker, yea. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

*Michelle L. Osborne*

Michelle L. Osborne, City Clerk

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