

Minutes
Committee of the Whole City Council Meeting
April 24, 2023

CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

The City Council of the City of Villa Grove met in the regular Committee of the Whole session on **April 24, 2023**, in Council Chambers. Mayor ProTem Blaney called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call found the following members present: Alderman Blaney, Johnson, Garrett, Cheely, and Hooker. Mayor Eversole-Gunter and Alderman Pangburn were absent. City Administrator Athey, Clerk Osborne, and PW Director Mixell, PD Chief Rea, and CCSP Director Surowka were also present.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS - Resident Jeff Markel spoke about the upcoming street name changes. A discussion of the process and reasons were given. He had a suggestion of making a list of things that need to be changed to help those who are affected by the name changes.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT - Jacki Athey stated: The Annual Treasurer's Report is done and signed. The Audit entries are done. We will get new health insurance rates this week. This week also marks the end of FY23.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS - Public Works: Director Mixell has been working on the road plans for the summer. Concrete has been poured. The new shop is oh so close to being done. They have been mowing and also helping to get the ball fields in shape for opening games. The fields were in rough condition and took lots of work to get done. The Zest For Life Center repairs will be done by Friday. The doors will be coming soon.

Community Center: Bethany said that baseball games began today at Henson Park. She has hired Robert Fancher as a manager for the concessions at the park and also for lining fields. On May 6 after the Loyalty Day Parade, she has skills challenges set up for the kids to do at Henson Park. She reported a delay to the community center construction due to air ducts being delayed for delivery until July, so this may push the opening back.

MAYORAL REPORT - The Mayor had no updates.

BUSINESS

1. Consensus to pay Broeren Russo Builders Pay Req No 10-Consensus was given to pay this.
2. Consensus on Change Order(s) for Community Center-Consensus was given to the Change order for the Community Center.
3. Approve various concrete repairs by Frick Concrete-There is a list of items for repairs by Frick Concrete. The council said the decision on which ones are top priority will go to Marc Mixell and Jacki Athey.
4. Other items brought before the Council for discussion-Other Reports: Alderman Garrett spoke and said it is important for the City to know that any music being played must have a license to so from the company for any and all events. So we need to be sure we have purchased licenses from all 3 music companies to be legal for anyone playing music at any event.

CLOSED SESSION - Alderman Cheely motioned to go into Closed session at 6:45 pm under the Open Meetings Act per Section 2/(c)(1) of 5 ILCS/120/2 Exceptions to Open Meetings Act for discussion of personnel; 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, Cheely, yea, and Hooker, yea. Motion approved.

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Council returned to open session at 7:05 pm.

ADJOURNMENT - With no further business, Alderman Hooker motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 p.m. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Alderman Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Garrett, 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