

Minutes
Regular City Council Meeting
July 10, 2023

CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

The City Council of the City of Villa Grove met in regular session on **Monday, July 10, 2023**, in Council Chambers. Mayor Eversole-Gunter called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m. Roll call found the following members present: Alderman Lorenz, Blaney, Johnson, Pangburn, and Hooker. Alderman Cheely was absent. City Administrator Athey, Clerk Osborne, PW Director Mixell, PD Chief Rea, CPS 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 Hooker motioned to approve the full consent agenda. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Lorenz, yea, Pangburn, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion approved.

1. Minutes of the regular City Council meeting, held June 12, 2023
2. Minutes of the special Committee of the Whole meeting, held June 22, 2023
3. Minutes of the regular Committee of the Whole meeting, held June 26, 2023
4. Authorization for the Payment for Bills
5. Financial Reports for the month ending April 30, 2023
6. Financial Reports for the month ending May 31, 2023
7. Broeren Russo Pay Req No 12 (May work FY24)
8. Broeren Russo Builders Change Orders 17-20
9. Software/portal agreement with Clover Connect
10. Approval of squad car laptops purchase

PUBLIC COMMENTS - No public comments.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR/OTHER REPORTS

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT - Jacki Athey reported: The audit prep work begins 7/17/23. Land purchase is this week and she has worked a lot on that. Budget for Bethany. TIF Consultant @ Moran, Emily, is pushing for the platting information of the parcel. She will also give us some marketing ideas and costs. We are waiting to hear on disaster declarations from State and Federal governments on the storm damages.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS: Chief of Police Rea: During the storm days, when the power was out, there were two burglaries reported-one at Longview State Bank and one at the Subway Restaurant. The person was caught very shortly afterwards. Hiring for a part time officer will be in process with interviews next week. He presented the quote for the laptop installations and maintenance agreements.

Director of PW Mixell report: Reported on the storm cleanup. They have picked up at residences and have had about 300-400 truckloads hauled to the dump so far. The Parks, roads, sidewalks have been taken care of, but there is about 2-3 weeks worth of work left for cleanup. Focus has to return to other items but storm cleanup will continue. They have observed many trees on private property that need to be cut down.

Director of CCS Surowka: Reports the Community Center rooftop units will arrive next week instead of September, as originally thought, so hoping that pushes things closer to opening. There was 1 window blown out and the flag poles were damaged in the storm, but otherwise everything was good. The storm shelter worked out great. The Rec Center website will go live next week! Wiffle Ball has 2 teams, need more, so extending the deadline. ZFL-

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Advocacy hour with Melanie. Working on Policies and Procedures and forms for Rec. center. She presented an updated logo for the City to consider.

MAYORAL REPORT - The mayor reported the administrative office has been dealing with many issues for the address changes at the Post Office. Thank you to the Public Works crew for all of their hard work in cleaning up after this major storm! There was much to do and they have done well. The rodeo promotions will begin about 2 weeks before the date.

BUSINESS

1. **Approve proposal for hiring Berns Clancy to develop a subdivision plat for the north end property** - Alderman Blaney motioned to approve hiring Berns Clancy for the plat for the north end development subdivision. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Lorenz, yea, Pangburn, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion approved.
2. **Approve Petition for County Bridge funds for Harrison (prev. Front) Street Bridge repair** - Alderman Lorenz motioned to approve the county bridge funds for Harrison Street Bridge repair. Alderman Hooker seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Lorenz, yea, Pangburn, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion approved.
3. **Broeren Russo Pay Req No 13 (June work)** - Alderman Hooker motioned to approve Broeren Russo pay request 13. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Lorenz, yea, Pangburn, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion approved.
4. **Approval to waive bids and secure quotes for a generator purchase and related wiring for 610-612 East Harrison (Chambers/office and Zest for Life Center)** - Alderman Johnson motioned to approve waiving the bid for a generator install, and Alderman Lorenz seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Lorenz, yea, Pangburn, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion approved.
5. **Approve liquor permit request from The Embarras** - Alderman Johnson motioned to approve the liquor license request for the Embarras to do business at the Rodeo at Richman Park. Alderman Pangburn seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Lorenz, yea, Pangburn, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion approved.
6. **Approve donation for back-to-school supplies program** - Alderman Pangburn motioned to approve a donation to back to school supplies program, no greater than \$350. Alderman Lorenz seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Lorenz, yea, Pangburn, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion approved.

CLOSED SESSION - No closed session was held.

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ADJOURNMENT - With no further business, Alderman Hooker motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 pm. Alderman Pangburn seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Lorenz, yea, Pangburn, 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