

**Minutes**  
**City of Villa Grove, Illinois**  
**Special City Council Meeting**  
**December 14, 2023**

**Call to Order—Roll Call:** The City Council of the City of Villa Grove met in special session on Thursday, December 14, 2023, in the Zest For Life Center. Mayor Eversole-Gunter called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Roll call found the following members present: Aldermen Cheely, Hooker, Nieto and Johnson. Aldermen Blaney and Pangburn, and City Clerk Osborne were absent. City Administrator Athey and Attorney Marc Miller were also present; department heads had been excused.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** The Mayor stood and led all attendees in The Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Comments:** No public was present for comments.

**Business:**

Item 1. Alderman Hooker motioned to approve Ordinance 2023-MC20, An Ordinance Levying Taxes for All Corporate Purposes for City of Villa Grove, Douglas County, Illinois, for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2023 and Ending April 30, 2024. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Cheely, aye; Hooker, aye; Nieto, aye; Johnson, aye. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 2. Alderman Cheely motioned to approve Ordinance 2023-MC21, An Ordinance Approving At Large Elections (by putting the question on the Spring 2024 ballot). Alderman Nieto seconded the motion. Roll Call: Cheely, aye; Hooker, aye; Nieto, aye; Johnson, aye. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 3. Alderman Hooker motioned to approve reimbursement to Police Chief Rea for two classes of the spring 2024 semester which the Chief enrolled in at Eastern Illinois University. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Cheely, aye; Hooker, aye; Nieto, aye; Johnson, aye. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 4. General legal questions for the City Attorney with discussion focused mainly on the upcoming impacts of the state's Paid Leave for All Workers Act. After a brief discussion as to future attendance to Council/Committee of the Whole Meetings, the Council and Miller concurred that he would begin to attend a meeting every other month (thus allowing the members to plan for his participation with questions). Miller anticipates attending the second of the two regular meetings on those months.

**Adjournment:** With no further items to be discussed, Alderman Nieto motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 p.m. Alderman Hooker seconded the motion. Roll Call: Cheely, aye; Hooker, aye; Nieto, aye; Johnson, aye. Motion passed unanimously.

**City of Villa Grove, Illinois**  
**City Council Special Meeting Minutes**  
**December 14, 2023**  
**Page 2**

Respectfully submitted,

*Jacki Athey*

Jacqueline S. Athey, CIMT, CPFA, CPFIM  
City Administrator

xc: Mayor  
City Council  
Building Inspector  
Department Heads  
File