

Minutes
Regular City Council Meeting
August 28, 2023

CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

The City Council of the City of Villa Grove met in regular session on **Monday, August 28, 2023**, in Council Chambers. Mayor Eversole-Gunter called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. Roll call found the following members present: Alderman Lorenz, Blaney, Johnson, Cheely, and Hooker. Alderman Pangburn and PD Chief Rea were absent. City Administrator Athey, Clerk Osborne, PW Director Mixell, CPS Director Surowka were also present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - No Comments.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR/OTHER REPORTS

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT - Jacki Athey completed the Budget. She attended an Economic Development conference last week in Springfield. Athey and Surowka will travel to Iowa this week to tour the Walldogs workspace and discuss next year's project with them. We will need to put together housing and food accommodation for their team while they are here painting. Athey handed out the plat from engineering for the north neighborhood and discussion ensued. She also reported from the Police Department that the two new offices began today and on Tuesday, they will begin PTI training. (Sept. 5, 2023).

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS: Director of PW Mixell report: Public works has caught up from the storm cleanup. Road repairs of small areas are being made. The restoration crews are working all over town on projects for replacing lead piping, flushing hydrants, and other water related updates. Tree crews have been delayed due to the 100 plus degree weather.

Director of CPS Surowka: Reports the Community Center rooftop units are installed. Now the closure of the outside walls can begin. The project manager is giving an estimate of the last part of November for completion. A discussion of holding a Grand Opening on December 2, 2023 began. Council gave consensus to move forward on that date for planning. There was also a discussion and explanation of fees for using the community center. We need to think of a theme for the grand opening. The Mayor reminded that there needs to be an acknowledgment plaque under the old community building headstone when installed to thank the volunteers who salvaged and stored it. The IGA with the school is updated for another 3 years to end in 2026.

MAYORAL REPORT-The mayor had no report.

BUSINESS

1. **Ordinance 2023-MC15—An Ordinance Approving the City of Villa Grove Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2024 (Also Commonly Known As the “FY24 BUDGET ORDINANCE”)-** Alderman Hooker motioned to approve the FY 24 Budget Ordinance. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Lorenz, yea, Cheely, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion approved.
2. **Approve Treasurer training/institute attendance (November)-**Alderman Blaney motioned to approve conference training attendance for the treasurer. Alderman Cheely seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Lorenz, yea, Cheely, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion approved.

CLOSED SESSION-no closed session.

ADJOURNMENT-With no further business, Alderman Blaney motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 pm.

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Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Lorenz, yea, Cheely, 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