

Minutes
Regular City Council Meeting
September 11, 2023

CALL TO ORDER—ROLL CALL

The City Council of the City of Villa Grove met in regular session on **Monday, September 11, 2023**, in Council Chambers. Mayor Eversole-Gunter called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. Roll call found the following members present: Alderman Lorenz, Blaney, Johnson, Pangburn. Aldermen Cheely and Hooker were absent. PD Chief Rea was also absent. PW Director Mixell, and City Administrator Athey, Clerk Osborne, CPS Director Surowka were also present.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Alderman Lorenz motioned to approve the full consent agenda. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Lorenz, yea, Pangburn, yea. Motion approved.

1. Minutes of the regular City Council meeting, held August 14, 2023
2. Minutes of the closed session of the regular City Council meeting, held August 14, 2023
3. Minutes of the regular City Council meeting, held August 28, 2023
4. Authorization for the Payment for Bills
5. Financial Reports for the month ending June 30, 2023
6. Financial Reports for the month ending July 31, 2023
7. Agreement with VG Schools concerning cooperative property use

PUBLIC COMMENTS-C. Scott Lindley was present to discuss the 2024 Wall Dogs event. This is an international art mural event bringing together artists from multiple countries and US States. We will be responsible for the advertising and promotion of the event. The goal is to have 85-100 artists here to paint 8-10 murals. He will need our theme list as soon as possible. The date for this is June 26-30, 2024. We will also be responsible for supplying shirts to the participants. And must plan meals and lodging for artists.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR/OTHER REPORTS

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT-Jacki Athey and Bethany Surowka went to Iowa last week to see the current Walldogs production there. Found out lots of information on what to expect. Today, they took Scott out to see the town and places they thought would work for the murals. He found places that would work and they discussed how best to decide. IML conference is next week, and she is going. They have an address assigned for the Renfrow's lot of 812 N. Paul Street. In the next few weeks, demolition will begin on the former Schull residence on Harrison Street.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS: Director of PW Mixell report: The tree cutters will be in town next week to work on the trees we have marked, which there are 16 of. They have been working on the roads and patching. The mayor asked them to begin work on the road at Pheasant Point and Marc will contact county engineer about it for planning. Marc also found out that we were being charged incorrectly by Ameren on light posts, so he has been working on that to get credit to our account.

Director of CPS Surowka: Reports Soccer has begun. The Community Center is being finished on the outside on the West side. The gym curtain and the batting cages come this week and the score boards are being hung.

MAYORAL REPORT-The mayor reported they met with a landscaper for the community center park. He will come to our next meeting to a phased plan (company name is 'Elite Outdoors'). Christmas Tree Lighting Festival is being

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planned. Derek Johnson will pick up the Christmas trees again that will be for sale. David Piercy construction has come forward to pay for the horse and carriage rides this year.

BUSINESS

- 1. Approve Ordinance 2023-MC16—An Ordinance Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of Villa Grove and Villa Grove Community Unit School District No. 302 Regarding the Services of a School Resource Officer**-Alderman Johnson motioned to approve the IGA with the school for a Resource Officer. Alderman Lorenz seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Lorenz, yea, Pangburn, yea. Motion approved.
- 2. Approve Resolution 2023-R07—A Resolution Waiving the Formal Bidding Requirements and Accepting a Quote for HVAC Replacement**-Alderman Pangburn motioned to approve waiving the formal bidding requirements and accepting a quote for an HVAC replacement at the EMS building. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Lorenz, yea, Pangburn, yea. Motion approved.
- 3. Approve Broeren Russo Builders Inc Pay Request No 15**-Alderman Blaney motioned to approve the pay request #15 to Broeren Russo. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Lorenz, yea, Pangburn, yea. Motion approved.
- 4. Approve relocation of special use permit to David Rollings (motorcycle repair shop) per Zoning Board meeting 9/6/23**-Alderman Pangburn motioned to approve the relocation of special use permit for David Rollings, and Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Lorenz, yea, Pangburn, yea. Motion approved.
- 5. Intent to waive formal bid process to solicit proposals for Community Center Marquis, Donor Wall Displays and Landscaping**-Alderman Johnson motioned to approve waiving the formal bid process for the CC Marquis and Donor wall displays, and landscaping. Alderman Lorenz seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Lorenz, yea, Pangburn, yea. Motion approved.
- 6. Updates and naming of pending subdivision plats (north end developments)**-Council will bring ideas to the next meeting.
- 7. Establish timeline for RFP for development of commercial property areas of subdivision above**-Alderman Lorenz motioned to create a timeline for the RFP for the development of commercial property areas of new subdivision. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Lorenz, yea, Pangburn, yea. Motion approved.

CLOSED SESSION-No closed session was needed.

ADJOURNMENT-With no further business, Alderman Pangburn motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 pm. Alderman Blaney seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Lorenz, yea, Pangburn, yea. Motion approved.

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Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Osborne

Michelle L. Osborne, City Clerk

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