

**Minutes
Regular City Council Meeting
October 10, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

The City Council of the City of Villa Grove met in regular session on **Tuesday, October 10, 2023**, in Council Chambers. Mayor Eversole-Gunter called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Roll call found the following members present: Alderman Lorenz, Blaney, Johnson, Pangburn. Aldermen Cheely and Hooker were absent. PD Chief Rea, PW Director Mixell, City Administrator Athey, Clerk Osborne, CPS Director Surowka were also present.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Alderman Blaney 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 September 11, 2023
2. Minutes of the regular Committee of the Whole meeting, held September 25, 2023
3. Authorization for the Payment for Bills
4. Financial Reports for the month ending July 30, 2023
5. Financial Reports for the month ending August 31, 2023
6. Harrison Street house demolition
7. Broeren Russo Change Order 21
8. Creation of "gift" boxes outside decorations for Main Street planters (13 @\$150 each)

PUBLIC COMMENTS-No comments

CITY ADMINISTRATOR/OTHER REPORTS

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT-Jacki Athey reported the Auditor will be able to file the report on time. The DNR report for reimbursement from the storms will have to be completed once a new form is received. Emily from Moran Development has looked at the plats for the new subdivision and sent a few names to consider for the name of the area and roads, but nothing is final at this point. We will need to have a public hearing about the new neighborhood and that must be done very soon to get things completed by year end. The tax levy will be after the EAV.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS: Director of PW Mixell report: The demolition of the Harrison Street house is pending due to the utility shutting off the gas line. As soon as that happens, the demo will begin and will be done by Ezell's Excavating. Seven more trees are left to be cut down by the public works crew. A roof is needed on the Zest For Life Center building, and Marc is getting quotes for metal roofing and shingles. The temporary road for Paul Street is in and is being used for the building of the Renfrow house. Parks-what time do they close-dusk or at a certain time? Need new signs and want the correct information on them for this.

Police Department-Chief Rea reported on ordinance violations for a couple of houses that are abandoned and need to come down. He will continue researching and trying to connect with the owners for some forward movement.

Director of CPS Surowka: Soccer is done. Basketball will still be through the school due to the later opening of the community building. The Biddy Ball will take place at the community center in January. As for the community center building itself, they have to replace the lower roof area over the storm shelter area due to wind damage from the derecho. This will all be covered by the construction and insurance. The grand opening has now been scheduled for December 30, 2023.

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MAYORAL REPORT - The mayor reported that the Wine Walk sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce will be October 14, 2023, from 4-7 pm.

BUSINESS

1. **Landscaping of Community Center**-Alderman Blaney motioned to table the landscaping for the community building after they hear from the vendor. Alderman Pangburn seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Lorenz, yea, Pangburn, yea. Motion approved to TABLE.
2. **Approve Broeren Russo Builders Inc Pay Request No 16**-Alderman Johnson motioned to approve Broeren Russo Builders pay request 16. Alderman Lorenz seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Lorenz, yea, Pangburn, yea. Motion approved.
3. **Approve Broeren Russo Builders Inc Change Order No. 22** -Alderman Pangburn motioned to approve the change request #22 to Broeren Russo. Alderman Lorenz seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Lorenz, yea, Pangburn, yea. Motion approved.
4. **Updates and naming of pending subdivision plats (north end developments)**-Council discussed some ideas about the name convention to use. Possibly something that is along the 'Fields' line. No vote taken.

CLOSED SESSION-No closed session was needed.

ADJOURNMENT-With no further business, Alderman Blaney motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 pm. Alderman Pangburn seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Lorenz, yea, Pangburn, yea. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Osborne

Michelle L. Osborne, City Clerk

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