

Minutes
Regular City Council Meeting
November 13, 2023

CALL TO ORDER—ROLL CALL

The City Council of the City of Villa Grove met in regular session on **Monday, November 13, 2023**, in Council Chambers. Mayor Eversole-Gunter called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call found the following members present: Alderman Lorenz, Blaney, Johnson, Pangburn and Hooker. Aldermen Cheely was absent. PD Chief Rea, PW Director Mixell, City Administrator Athey, Clerk Osborne, and CPS Director Surowka were also present.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Alderman Johnson motioned to approve the full consent agenda. Alderman Lorenz 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 October 10, 2023
2. Minutes of the regular Committee of the Whole meeting, held October 23, 2023
3. Authorization for the Payment for Bills-\$338,010
4. Financial Reports for the month ending September 30, 2023
5. Light bulb replacements for Harrison Avenue properties
6. Revision of ACH Agreement with Villa Grove State Bank (increase \$40-45K)

PUBLIC COMMENTS-No comments

CITY ADMINISTRATOR/OTHER REPORTS

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT-Jacki Athey reported she attended the Rotary Meeting and gave a presentation on the Walldogs event. She also spoke to the VGHS Civics class about city government. Working with Chris Miller on updating the street names in several map applications, and the Mayor made a statement on the work that is being done to update map applications as soon as possible for these street names. The FEMA representative was here this past week to discuss the damage from the summer Derecho storm. They need photographic evidence of damages, so we are asking the public to please help us and send in your photos of damage. They will be finishing up the City's donation to the Christmas Tree Auction this week. Jacki will be attending the Treasurer's Institute for 2 days in Bloomington later this week. The next meeting will need to be a voting meeting for a few items that need approval before year end.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS: Director of PW Mixell report: The leaf collection is going well. The Christmas decorations are 50% complete, and will be all done this week to meet the deadline of the Tree Lighting on Nov. 25. The demolition on Harrison Street is complete with the lot being graded and level. Winterizations at the parks are complete with closing of restrooms and other cleanups. He has hired another seasonal part time person to replace an employee who left.

Police Department-Chief Rea reported on ordinance violations for abandoned properties at our last meeting. There are four he is working on and 2 of them have responded with plans to clean up. He states the Evidence storage area at the PD is now full and another solution is needed immediately. He hopes to have some alternatives to present at the next meeting.

Director of CPS Surowka: The HVAC system is working well, and the carpet is being laid. With the possibility of changes to the restroom area to add showers, there needs to be an alternative for the restrooms. The opening

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date of the building may possibly have to be moved due to the added construction and also the fixes to the roof that happened during some storms. Sports that are starting: Youth 5-6 basketball, gymnastics will be at the ZFL Center on Thursdays, and discussing rejoining Little League for the next summer. And building opening preparations continue.

MAYORAL REPORT-The mayor reported the items she has worked on are the plat for the north end subdivision, the Christmas decorations for the upcoming Tree Lighting, and also speaking to three rodeo companies who are interested in performing here next year and what to consider in the contracts for a rodeo.

BUSINESS

1. **Tri-City Country Club Request to amend Resolution on amount of TIF funding**-Alderman Pangburn motioned to table the request from Tri City to get more definite information about what they are requesting. Alderman Hooker seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Lorenz, yea, Pangburn, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion approved to TABLE.
2. **Community Center landscaping proposal from Elite Outdoors**-Alderman Pangburn motioned to approve the landscape proposal from Elite Outdoors. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Lorenz, yea, Pangburn, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion approved.
3. **Approve Broeren Russo Builders Inc Change Order No. 17** -Alderman Blaney motioned to approve the change request #17 to Broeren Russo. Alderman Lorenz seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Lorenz, yea, Pangburn, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion approved.
4. **Approve Broeren Russo Change Order for Shower Installation**-Alderman Hooker motioned to approve the change order to install showers at the community center. Alderman Blaney seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Lorenz, yea, Pangburn, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion approved.
5. **2023-MC17 – An Ordinance Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement for the City’s Participation in the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS Master Agreement)**-Alderman Hooker motioned to approve Ordinance 23023-MC17 for the MABAS agreement. Alderman Pangburn seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Lorenz, yea, Pangburn, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion approved.
6. **2023-R08 – A Resolution Waiving the Formal Bidding Requirements and Accepting a Quote for Genset Generator Purchase for City Hall**-Alderman Hooker motioned to approve Resolution 2023-R08 for waiving formal bids for the generator purchase for City Hall. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Lorenz, yea, Pangburn, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion approved.
7. **2023-R09 – A Resolution Waiving the Formal Bidding Requirements and Accepting a Quote for Fitness Equipment Set-Up**-Alderman Hooker motioned to approve Resolution 2023-R09 for waiving formal bids for the fitness equipment purchase. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Lorenz, yea, Pangburn, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion approved.

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- 8. Approve IT updates for City Hall and Police Department (fiber internet)**-The internet connections that are presently in the City Public Works building and the Zest for Life Center are too outdated to be able to run faster software. The IT group has recommended upgrading to fiber optic and new updates to this building and to the Police Department. Changes will cost approximately \$5000 for both buildings. Alderman Johnson motioned to approve the changes and Alderman Lorenz seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Lorenz, yea, Pangburn, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion approved.
- 9. Engineering Resource Associates-(ERA) Harrison Bridge Renovations**-Alderman Blaney motioned to approve the Harrison Street bridge construction plan from ERA and put it out to bid for Spring 2024 construction. Alderman Pangburn seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Lorenz, yea, Pangburn, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion approved.
- 10. Engineering Resource Associates Richman Park Master Plan**-Alderman Hooker motioned to table the Master plan for Richman Park from ERA. This is a 10-year plan. Alderman Pangburn seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Lorenz, yea, Pangburn, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion to TABLE was approved.
- 11. Updates for BCA pending subdivision plat (north end developments)**-Alderman Pangburn motioned to table this item for further information and planning. Alderman Lorenz seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Lorenz, yea, Pangburn, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion to table approved.
- 12. Approval to change November 27 meeting from committee to voting for attorney attendance, preliminary tax levy estimate and possible annexation ordinance**-Alderman Hooker motioned to approve making the Nov. 27 meeting a regular voting meeting, and it was seconded by Alderman Johnson. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Lorenz, yea, Pangburn, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion approved.

CLOSED SESSION-No closed session was needed.

ADJOURNMENT-With no further business, Alderman Hooker motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 pm. Alderman Lorenz 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