

Minutes
Regular City Council Meeting
December 26, 2023

CALL TO ORDER—ROLL CALL

The City Council of the City of Villa Grove met in regular session on **Tuesday, December 26, 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 Blaney, Pangburn, Nieto, and Hooker. Aldermen Johnson and Cheely were absent. PW Director Mixell, City Administrator Athey, Clerk Osborne, and CPS Director Surowka were also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS-No comments.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD-The Volunteer of the Year Award was presented to Mel Rauckman as appreciation for all she is doing to help stray animals, mostly cats, in town to get neutered/spayed, and find new homes for them to be adopted. She is making a big difference in the feral populations.

SWEARING IN OF NEW POLICE OFFICERS- City Clerk Osborne swore in two new police officers for Villa Grove Police Department, who graduated from PTI earlier in December. Office Zach Champagne and Office Austin Grimm took the oath of office.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR/OTHER REPORTS

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT-Jacki Athey reported the bond abatement is filed and will submit the election information as soon as possible to put the at-large elections option on the ballot.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS: Director of PW Mixell report: Director Mixell brought up the need for some type of storage for the outside equipment at Richman Park. We need to determine what will work best that would be temperature controlled for the storage of the water park items for the winter. On another note, he stated the annual maintenance will begin for all of the large items and vehicles.

Director of CPS Surowka: Registrations for girls grade 5-6 volleyball are done. The office furniture for conference rooms will be delivered tomorrow. She has a donor who wants to have their name painted on the gym floor and is giving up to \$25k for that. The header from the old community building has been installed on the donor wall and looks great. The splash pad concrete is poured and the plumbing is in. No fixtures until Spring.

MAYORAL REPORT-The mayor has added that all of the community buildings will be open when the grand opening of the new community building happens so people can see all of the updates that have been made.

BUSINESS

1. **Ordinance 2023-MC22 – An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Execute Employment Agreement Modifications for the City Administrator, Administrative Assistant [to the City Administrator], Chief of Police, Director of Programs and Public Services, and Director of Public Works**-Alderman Hooker motioned to approve the mayor to execute the employment agreements listed in 2023-MC22. Alderman Pangburn seconded the motion. Roll Call: Blaney, yea, Nieto, yea, Pangburn, yea,

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Hooker, yea. Motion approved.

2. **Ordinance 2023-MC23 – An Ordinance Approving the Annexation of Certain Property Located at the City’s Southeast Boundary Commonly Known as the Tri-City Country Club Property**-Alderman Pangburn motioned to approve the Ordinance 2023-MC23 to annex Tri City Country Club to the City of Villa Grove. Alderman Nieto seconded the motion. Roll Call: Blaney, yea, Nieto, yea, Pangburn, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion approved.

CLOSED SESSION-No closed session needed.

ADJOURNMENT-With no further business, Alderman Hooker motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 pm. Alderman Blaney seconded the motion. Roll Call: Blaney, yea, Nieto, 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