

**Minutes
Regular City Council Meeting
January 8, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER—ROLL CALL

The City Council of the City of Villa Grove met in regular session on **Monday, January 8, 2024**, in Council Chambers. Mayor Eversole-Gunter called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Roll call found the following members present: Alderman Blaney, Johnson, Cheely, Pangburn, Nieto, and Hooker. City Administrator Athey, Clerk Osborne, and CPS Director Surowka were also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS-No comments.

CONSENT AGENDA-Alderman Hooker motioned to approve the consent agenda items. Second was from Alderman Johnson. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Nieto, yea, Cheely, yea, Pangburn, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion passed.

1. Minutes of the regular City Council meeting, held December 11, 2023
2. Minutes of the closed session of the regular City Council meeting, held December 11, 2023
3. Minutes of the public hearing held December 14, 2023
4. Minutes of the special City Council meeting, held December 14, 2023
5. Minutes of the public hearing held December 26, 2023
6. Minutes of the regular City Council meeting, held December 26, 2023
7. Authorization for the Payment of Bills
8. Financial Reports for the month ending November 30, 2023

CITY ADMINISTRATOR/OTHER REPORTS

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT-Jacki Athey reported she's been working on all of the first of the year financial items. The Audit report is in transit. Brian Moody will be here next meeting with the IGA for the county wide Economic Development agreement. Bring your questions for Brian.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS: Director of PW Mixell report: No Public Works report.

Director of CPS Surowka: Activities: Preschool Gymnastics is full and starts this week, the next class up still has some openings. Membership packets are available in the office and online. Facility updates: signage is going up in the building for exits, storm shelter, etc. In the gym, the wall pads are up, they are sealing the floors, the floor company will do the logo and another sealant on top of it. The elevator inspection was today and it passed. The Donor wall panels are up.

Chief of Police Rea: Reported a busy week. The new officers completed the third week of ride-along and are doing well. They continue to work with the owner of a problem property 112 N. Pine St.

MAYORAL REPORT-The mayor will ask that the construction manager, Byron, be at our final meeting for the turnover of the community center to us.

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BUSINESS

1. **Ordinance 2024-MC01 – An Ordinance Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of Villa Grove and the County of Douglas, the City of Arcola and the City of Tuscola Regarding County-Wide Economic Development Organization-**Alderman Blaney motioned to table Ordinance 2024-MC01 to get some questions answered by Brian Moody. Alderman Pangburn seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Nieto, yea, Cheely, yea, Pangburn, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion to TABLE passed.
2. **Ordinance 2024-MC02 – An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the Employment Agreement By the City of Villa Grove For the Position of Accounting/Administrative Assistant-**Alderman Johnson motioned to table the Ordinance 2024-MC02 for contract of office assistant. Alderman Pangburn seconded the motion to table. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Nieto, yea, Cheely, yea, Pangburn, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion to TABLE passed.
3. Approve zoning change request for 405 North Third Street (from M-P Mobile Home Park to R-2 General Residence/Multi-family dwelling) as requested by Carol Ezell and recommended by the Planning and Zoning Board. Alderman Hooker motioned to approve the zoning change request and Alderman Pangburn seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Nieto, yea, Cheely, yea, Pangburn, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion passed.
4. Approve change order for logo addition to Community Center floor-Alderman Pangburn motioned to approve the change order for the addition of the logo on the community center floor. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Nieto, yea, Cheely, yea, Pangburn, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion passed.
5. Approve execution of contract for Conxxus high-speed internet service-Alderman Hooker motioned to approve the Conxxus high speed internet contract. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Nieto, yea, Cheely, yea, Pangburn, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion passed.
6. Approve potential Eagle Scout project proposal from Owen Kneer-Alderman Hooker motioned to table the approval of Eagle Scout project pending further information. Alderman Blaney seconded the motion to table. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Nieto, yea, Cheely, yea, Pangburn, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion to table passed.

CLOSED SESSION-Alderman Pangburn motioned to go into Closed session at 6:46 pm, under Section 2(c)(1) of 5 ILCS/120/2, Exceptions to the open meetings act for the discussion of appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees. Alderman Hooker seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Nieto, yea, Cheely, yea, Pangburn, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion passed. Mayor Eversole Gunter, Clerk Osborne, City Administrator Athey were also present. No action will be taken after the closed session. Council returned to open session at 7:41 pm.

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ADJOURNMENT-With no further business, Alderman Hooker motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 pm. Alderman Blaney seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Nieto, yea, Cheely, yea, Pangburn, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Osborne

Michelle L. Osborne, City Clerk

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