

**Minutes
Committee of the Whole
City Council Meeting
January 22, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER—ROLL CALL-The City Council of the City of Villa Grove met in the regular Committee of the Whole session on **January 22, 2024**, in Council Chambers. Mayor Eversole-Gunter called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Roll call found the following members present: Alderman Blaney, Johnson, Nieto, Pangburn, and Hooker. Alderman Cheely was absent. City Administrator Athey, Clerk Osborne, PD Chief Rea, PW Director Mixell and CCPS Director Surowka were also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - The Mayor stood and led all attendees in The Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS-No public comments.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT-Jacki Athey stated: Reports are all updated. Working on the grant report. Emily from MED sent information for the new year on TIF creation.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS-Public Works: Director Mixell: Been dealing with cold weather issues; annual maintenance; office construction. Need to address the drainage issues around the community center building and parking lot.

Police Department: Chief Rea: the two new officers will progress to the next step in February. He has been updating manuals. He reports the taser contract has expired and the prices have gone up 3x the old price.

Community Center: Bethany said Volleyball started. Feb. 1 opens soccer and registration. Working on the Little League contract for baseball only. Softball will stay in their current league. the Front desk is in and looks nice. the floor is being sealed; the showers were delivered; Feb. 15 we get the keys to the building. The Grand Opening will be March 17, 2024, in the early afternoon. Also trying to set up programs with Silver Sneakers and BeFit.

MAYORAL REPORT-The Mayor reports she is working to find an assisted senior living facility for the north end property.

BUSINESS

1. County-wide economic development intergovernmental agreement-Brian Moody was present to discuss the new project and to answer questions about how things will work. Council gave consensus to join.
2. Front/Harrison Bridge petition renewal-discussions on the bridge project on Harrison for a renewal of this project since we are now in 2024. Consensus achieved from the Council.
3. Consensus to pay Broeren Russo Builders Inc Pay Req 19-council gave consensus for payment 19.
4. Other items brought before the Council for discussion-none were brought forward.

CLOSED SESSION: Alderman Pangburn motioned to go into Closed session at 6:47 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, Pangburn, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion passed. Mayor

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Eversole Gunter, Clerk Osborne, City Administrator Athey were also present. Further discussion will happen after the closed session. Council returned to open session at 7:26 pm.

ADJOURNMENT-With no further business, Alderman Hooker motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Alderman Pangburn seconded the motion. Roll Call: Alderman Blaney, yea, Johnson, yea, Nieto, yea, Pangburn, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Osborne

Michelle L. Osborne, City Clerk

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