

**Minutes
Committee of the Whole
City Council Meeting
February 26, 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 **February 26, 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. City Attorney Marc Miller was 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: trying to get the budget information out this week. City Hall offices are once again set up in the Harrison Street building.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS-Public Works: Director Mixell: The damaged flagpoles have been removed from in front of the CC. The administrative offices have moved in. The Parking lot paving at the ZFL will be moving forward. Comment from council is a request to get the dirt biked from running around behind the Railroad building on Route 130.

Police Department: Chief Rea: the two new officers are on their own now. He has also continued with ordinance violations.

Community Center: Bethany Surowka stated there are registrations going for volleyball and all sports. The ZFL reports having more people coming in for meals and activities. There will be these programs this week: Euchre, WITS workshop, and Bingo plus private event reservations. The interview process is continuing. The Carle CPR/AED training for staff will be next week.

Lots of items have been moved into the new building. The cleanup of the building has more left to be done. Shelves are being put up. Some lockers came in damaged and will be replaced. The downlights come next week. The donor wall is up, but not all of the plaques are ready yet. We have raised \$16,000 for the plaques. All applications need to be resumes for the jobs at the CC Building. We need security cameras outside ASAP with so much more of the items in the building now. Have already had some minor vandalism.

MAYORAL REPORT-The Mayor reports the county is proceeding with passing the ordinance on immigrants. The Christmas Tree Lighting group is going to have an ice rink available this year. The cost is \$5600, and they are hoping to have some sponsors for the activity to help with costs. The Illinois American Property is now on the tax rolls for \$6 million. Council has said they prefer to stay in the ZFL for their meetings. There will be a new table configuration soon for the council.

BUSINESS

1. Walldogs Planning with Scott Lindley-He has some locations spotted for up to 11 project sites. Discussion of ideas and buildings to be used followed. The date is June 19, 2024.
2. Consensus to pay Hall of Fame and CMI quotes-Consensus from council on this payment.

**Minutes
Committee of the Whole
City Council Meeting
February 26, 2024**

3. Consensus to pay Broeren Russo Builders Inc Pay Req 20-council gave consensus for payment 20.
4. General legal questions for City Attorney-some questions about use of TIF funds. We can put different requirements on what is eligible for the funds in the rehabilitation process, but we cannot determine what the funds are being used for on the property by the business owners as long as they meet the terms of the agreement. We do have flexibility to set payment schedules, if so needed.
5. Other items brought before the Council for discussion-none were brought forward.

CLOSED SESSION: No closed session.

ADJOURNMENT-With no further business, Alderman Hooker motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 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