

**Minutes  
Regular City Council Meeting  
March 11, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER—ROLL CALL**

The City Council of the City of Villa Grove met in regular session on **Monday, March 11, 2024**, 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, Nieto, Cheely, and Hooker. Alderman Pangburn and Johnson were absent. City Administrator Athey, Clerk Osborne, and PW Director Mixell were also present.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**-No comments.

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

1. Minutes of the regular City Council meeting, held February 12, 2024
2. Minutes of the regular Committee of the Whole meeting, held February 24, 2024
3. Authorization for the Payment of Bills
4. Financial Reports for the month ending January 31, 2024
5. Cash Balance Report for the month ending February 29, 2024
6. Payment of Broeren Russo Builders Inc for Pay Req 20
7. Payment of Hall of Fame and CMI quote for Community Center

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR/OTHER REPORTS**

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**-Jacki Athey reported they have moved offices and are almost complete. Moran Development recommends keeping TIF2 boundaries as they were originally discussed. Alderman Blaney asked for a meeting with Moran to discuss the TIF status. The Bridge proposals are being collected.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:** Director of PW Mixell report: the ZFL center has been painted on the inside. The Flagpoles are installed at Richman to replace the damaged ones, they also worked the parking lot there and at City Hall to even it out a bit on the gravel. PW is working on their list of miscellaneous items to complete. They will drag the ballfields and get the infields prepped this week. Marc is in touch with county engineer Crane about the bridgework and what PW will have to assist with during that time.

Director of CCS Surowka: no report due to getting ready for open house. Chief of Police Rea: No report.

**MAYORAL REPORT**-The mayor had no updates.

**BUSINESS**

1. **Ordinance 2024-MC03 – An Ordinance Prohibiting the Use of Groundwater as a Potable Water Supply by the Installation or Use of Potable Water Supply Wells or by Any Other Method**-Alderman Hooker motioned to approve Ordinance 2024-MC03. Alderman Cheely seconded the motion. Roll Call: Blaney, yea, Nieto, yea, Cheely, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion passed.

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2. **Approve variance request for firearms business to be located at 1022 North Fox Run-**Alderman Hooker motioned to approve the zoning variance. Alderman Cheely seconded the motion. Roll Call: Blaney, yea, Nieto, yea, Cheely, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion passed.
3. **Approve outdoor security cameras quote for Community Center** Alderman Hooker motioned to approve the purchase of security cameras from the quote for the community center. Alderman Blaney seconded the motion. Roll Call: Blaney, yea, Nieto, yea, Cheely, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion passed.
4. **Approve treasurer attendance to IMTA summer conference** Alderman Blaney motioned to approve city administrator attending the IMTA Conference. Alderman Nieto seconded the motion. Roll Call: Blaney, yea, Nieto, yea, Cheely, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion passed.
5. **Approve RT Graphics and Printing quote for reflective signage for fire vehicles-** Alderman Hooker motioned to approve adding graphics to the fire vehicles for added visibility and safety. Alderman Cheely seconded the motion. Roll Call: Blaney, no, Nieto, yea, Cheely, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion passed.
6. **Waive formal bid process/solicit bids for re-roofing of Harrison Street property for FY25-** Alderman Blaney motioned to waive formal bid process for roofing estimate. Alderman Nieto seconded the motion. Roll Call: Blaney, yea, Nieto, yea, Cheely, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion passed.
7. **Hiring of engineer for consultation with north end development issue-**Alderman Blaney motioned to hire an engineer for the north end development. Roll Call: Blaney, yea, Nieto, yea, Cheely, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion passed.

**CLOSED SESSION-**Alderman Cheely motioned to go into Closed session at 6:36 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 Blaney seconded the motion. Roll Call: Blaney, yea, Nieto, yea, Cheely, 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 7:14 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT-**With no further business, Alderman Hooker motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 pm. Alderman Cheely seconded the motion. Roll Call: Blaney, yea, Nieto, yea, Cheely, 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