

Minutes
Regular City Council Meeting
May 13, 2024

CALL TO ORDER—ROLL CALL

The City Council of the City of Villa Grove met in regular session on **Monday, May 13, 2024**, in Council Chambers. Mayor Eversole-Gunter called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Roll call found the following members present: Alderman Johnson, Nieto, Pangburn, Cheely and Hooker. Alderman Blaney was absent. City Administrator Athey, Clerk Osborne, PD Chief Rea, CCS Director Surowka, and PW Director Mixell, and P&Z Committee Chairman Mike Cline were also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS-No comments

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

1. Minutes of the regular City Council meeting, held April 8, 2024
2. Minutes of the special Committee of the Whole meeting, held April 11, 2024
3. Minutes of the regular City Council meeting, held April 22, 2024
4. Minutes of the closed session of the regular City Council meeting, held April 22, 2024
5. Authorization for the Payment of Bills
6. Financial Reports for the month ending February 29, 2024
7. Financial Reports for the month ending March 31, 2024

CITY ADMINISTRATOR/OTHER REPORTS

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT-Jacki Athey reported Waste Management has sent a letter notifying they will be charging fees for picking up large items. Smoke testing for sewer hookup issues will be done by IL American Water, in the weeks ahead. She put a graduation ad in the paper. Fixing issues with the internet from Mike Boyer, to finalize the transfer over to our new company. VGPD said the repeater for radios is not working and it needs repaired. The VG Fire Chief reported that there is an issue with Engine 103-a possible blown head gasket on the engine. She also said she has received some TIF information from S. McMahon.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS: Director of PW Mixell report: The ADA doors are roughed in at the CC. All field/parks spraying is done. There are some drainage issues at Richman that need to be addressed.

Director of CCS Surowka: Bethany Surowka, Director of CPS, reported soccer will be done on the 18th. TBall starts this week. In July there will be a new program for 3-4 year olds called 'Lil Sluggers' to teach some basics of baseball. There will be 1 week camps happening June, July, and August for the youth-they will last under 3 hours for 1 week on different subjects. Final equipment piece on the gym floor is there. The Splash Pad will be sodded and a small area with benches will be done. There are some drainage issues they are working on resolving. The concessions are going well at Henson Park.

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Chief of Police Rea: Chief Rea met with an arborist and they surveyed the trees that have been noted as being either dead or in the process of dying and should be taken down. The fees the arborist charges are \$125 for the first hour and \$75 per hour after that. This is the preliminary work to the possible tree removal program the council is considering. The demo of the house on Vine Street is still in the hands of the lawyers, as well as 2 others.

MAYORAL REPORT-The mayor had no updates.

BUSINESS

1. **Approve Broeren Russo Builders Inc Pay Req 23/FINAL**-Alderman Hooker motioned to approve Pay request 23-the FINAL pay request for the Community Center project-for Broeren Russo. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Nieto, yea, Pangburn, yea, Cheely, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion passed.
2. **Approve revised Building Permit application**-Alderman Cheely motioned to approve the revised building permit application that contains an area for remodeling information. Alderman Nieto seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Nieto, yea, Pangburn, yea, Cheely, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion passed.
3. **Consider reapplication for Downtown/Main Street grant program**-Alderman Pangburn Motioned to proceed with applying again for the Main Street grant program. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Nieto, yea, Pangburn, yea, Cheely, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion passed.
4. **Approve testing/personnel licensing for mosquito spraying**-Alderman Cheely motioned to approve the licensing for personnel to spray for mosquitoes. Alderman Pangburn seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Nieto, yea, Pangburn, yea, Cheely, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion passed.
5. **Approve purchase of new mower**-Alderman Nieto motioned to approve the purchase of a new mower for PW. Alderman Hooker seconded the motion Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Nieto, yea, Pangburn, yea, Cheely, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion passed.

CLOSED SESSION-Alderman Cheely motioned to go into Closed session at 6:59 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 Pangburn seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Nieto, yea, Pangburn, yea, Cheely, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion passed. Mayor Eversole Gunter, Clerk Osborne, City Administrator Athey, and Office Manager Jessica Endres were also present. No action will be taken after the closed session. Alderman Cheely motioned for Council to return to open session at 7:50 pm. Alderman Pangburn seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Nieto, yea, Pangburn, yea, Cheely, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion passed.

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ADJOURNMENT-With no further business, Alderman Hooker motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 pm. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Pangburn, yea, Nieto, yea, Cheely, yea, Hooker, yea.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Osborne

Michelle L. Osborne, City Clerk
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