

Minutes
Regular City Council Meeting
June 10, 2024

CALL TO ORDER—ROLL CALL

The City Council of the City of Villa Grove met in regular session on **Monday, June 10, 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 Blaney, Pangburn, and Hooker. Alderman Johnson, Nieto, and Cheely were absent. City Administrator Athey, Clerk Osborne, PD Chief Rea, and PW Director Mixell, were also present. CCS Director Surowka was absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS-No comments

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

1. Minutes of the regular City Council meeting, held May 13, 2024
2. Minutes of the closed session of the regular City Council meeting, held May 13, 2024
3. Minutes of the regular Committee of the Whole meeting, held May 28, 2024
4. Authorization for the Payment of Bills
5. Financial Reports for the month ending March 31, 2024 (updated)
6. Financial Reports for the month ending April 30, 2024 (pending audit)
7. Cash Balance Report for the month ending May 31, 2024
8. Repair/replacement of Richman transformer

CITY ADMINISTRATOR/OTHER REPORTS

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT-Jacki Athey reported about the sub survey map from Jake Wolf ERA company of Richman Park parking lot. Quotes should be coming soon for that work. The survey of the property that was purchased from Crawford is in process, and they need a name for the subdivision and two street names. The names decided were: Prairie Fire for the subdivision name, and the street names will be Blue Stem Court and Cattail Lane. The mayor also asked for Jacki to work with the TIF group to get in touch with contractors for submitting bids.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS: Director of PW Mixell report: The transformer on the ball fields was repaired plus new concrete pad had to be poured for it due to the extent of the damage. They have removed some smaller trees on the list for removal, and there was some vandalism that had to be repaired at the old tennis courts on Main Street at the water fountain.

Director of CCS Surowka: Bethany Surowka, Director of CPS, was absent due to events at the CCS.

Chief of Police Rea: Chief Rea reported that he did take a property damage report on the transformer at Richman Park, so there is a police report that can be submitted to insurance for a claim. The damage was much more than just a broken transformer, so they felt the amount needed for repairs was going to be higher than expected.

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MAYORAL REPORT-The mayor updated that the filming of the community center for marketing purposes was done and the vendor is working on edits, etc. These will be used for commercials and other presentations needed for the community center. The Splash Pad will have to wait for the sod to root better before it is opened. June 28 are the fireworks and celebration and the pad will be open on that date.

BUSINESS

1. **Approve laptop purchase for police chief**-Alderman Blaney motioned to approve a purchase of a new laptop for the police department. Alderman Hooker seconded the motion. Roll Call: Blaney, yea, Pangburn, yea, Hooker, yea, Mayor, yea. Motion passed.
2. **Approve changes to municipal codes concerning flat fees for violations instead of “range of fees”**-Alderman Blaney motioned to approve changes to the codes for fee violations being specific instead of a range. Alderman Pangburn seconded the motion. Roll Call: Blaney, yea, Pangburn, yea, Hooker, yea, Mayor, yea. Motion passed.
3. **Tree removal program items**-Discussion of the tree removal program and how it will be structured occurred. Council came up with some details and asked Chief Rea to update the draft.

CLOSED SESSION-Alderman Pangburn motioned to go into Closed session at 7:17 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, Pangburn, yea, Hooker, yea, Mayor, yea. Motion passed. Mayor Eversole Gunter, Clerk Osborne, City Administrator Athey, Jordan Russell from West and Lake Auditors were also present. No action will be taken after the closed session. Alderman Pangburn motioned for Council to return to open session at 7:53 pm. Alderman Hooker seconded the motion. Roll Call: Blaney, yea, Pangburn, yea, Hooker, yea, Mayor, yea. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT-With no further business, Alderman Hooker motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 pm. Alderman Pangburn seconded the motion. Roll Call: Blaney, yea, Pangburn, yea, Hooker, yea, Mayor, yea. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Osborne

Michelle L. Osborne, City Clerk
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