

**Minutes
Regular City Council Meeting
July 8, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER—ROLL CALL

The City Council of the City of Villa Grove met in regular session on **Monday, July 8, 2024**, in Council Chambers. Mayor Eversole-Gunter called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. Roll call found the following members present: Alderman Hooker, Johnson, and Nieto. Aldermen Blaney, Cheely, and Pangburn 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 Johnson motioned to approve the consent agenda items. Second was from Alderman Hooker. Roll Call: Hooker, yea, Johnson, yea, Nieto, yea, Mayor, yea. Motion passed.

1. Minutes of the regular City Council meeting, held June 10, 2024
2. Minutes of the closed session of the regular City Council meeting, held June 10, 2024
3. Minutes of the regular Committee of the Whole meeting, held June 24, 2024
4. Authorization for the Payment of Bills
5. Financial Reports for the month ending April 30, 2024 (pending audit)
6. Financial Reports for the month ending May 31, 2024
7. Cash Balance Report for the month ending June 30, 2024
8. FD Engine 103 air conditioner repair
9. Execution of lease termination with Illinois American Water
10. Annual MFT plan for bidding and related IDOT resolutions
11. Reindeer display for CTL on November 30

CITY ADMINISTRATOR/OTHER REPORTS

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT-Jacki Athey reported the audit started today. Berns Clancy Assoc.-FEMA Floodway vs. floodplain-we need an ordinance passed about this. This allows us to raise the elevation to avoid flood insurance requirements (similar to Pheasant Pointe). For the Christmas tree lighting-the reindeer will be here for 2 hours, and the ice rink is almost finalized.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS: Director of PW Mixell report: The fireworks process went well. The Scouts are almost done with the new pavilion at Leon park. PW is working on sidewalk repairs schedule. Roadwork will begin in about two weeks. There was a discussion about the ditch on the West side of the new property and maintaining them. Other curb work needs to be looked at for completion. They are about ready for the rodeo-he will contact them to confirm some items.

Chief of Police Rea: Chief Rea reported that the Village of Camargo contacted him about possibly giving them some coverage there. This will need further discussion. Bob will be on vacation 7/22-8/3/24.

MAYORAL REPORT-The mayor had nothing further to report.

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BUSINESS

1. **Ordinance 2024-MC05—An Ordinance Authorizing the Establishment of Tax Increment Financing “Interested Parties” Registries and Adopting Registration Rules For These Registries**--Alderman Hooker motioned to approve Ordinance 2024-MC05. Alderman Nieto seconded the motion. Roll Call: Hooker, yea, Johnson, yea, Nieto, yea, Mayor, yea. Motion passed.
2. **Resolution 2024-R02—A Resolution Providing For a Feasibility Study on the Designation of Areas as Redevelopment Project Areas**-Alderman Johnson motioned to approve Resolution 2024-R02. Alderman Nieto seconded the motion. Roll Call: Hooker, yea, Johnson, yea, Nieto, yea, Mayor, yea. Motion passed.
3. **Resolution 2024-R03—A Resolution Declaring an Intent to Reimburse Certain Redevelopment Project Costs**-Alderman Johnson motioned to approve Resolution 2024-R03. Alderman Nieto seconded the motion. Roll Call: Hooker, yea, Johnson, yea, Nieto, yea, Mayor, yea. Motion passed.
4. **Request for police coverage from Village of Camargo**-Chief Rea was contacted by the Village of Camargo about the feasibility of VGPD providing coverage for their village. A discussion was held on the subject. Further research needs to be done.
5. **Two-day firearms training for police officer**-Police Chief Rea asked for permission to send an officer for some further training on firearms. Alderman Nieto motioned to approve with a second from Alderman Johnson. Roll Call: Hooker, yea, Johnson, yea, Nieto, yea, Mayor, yea. Motion passed.
6. **Quote for Bobcat bucket repair**-Alderman Johnson motioned to approve the quote for repair of the Bobcat bucket at \$2700. Alderman Nieto seconded the motion. Roll Call: Hooker, yea, Johnson, yea, Nieto, yea, Mayor, yea. Motion passed.
7. **Quote for Repeater replacement/repair for Fire Department**-The repeater is not working at this time for the VGFD, and needs repaired and/or replaced-quote for \$3964. Alderman Nieto motioned to approve this expense. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Hooker, yea, Johnson, yea, Nieto, yea, Mayor, yea. Motion passed.
8. **Contract modification with Berns Clancy and Associates for flood study work needed for Prairie Fire Subdivision**-Alderman Hooker motioned to approve the contract modifications for BCA for flood study. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Hooker, yea, Johnson, yea, Nieto, yea, Mayor, yea. Motion passed.

CLOSED SESSION-No Closed Session needed.

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ADJOURNMENT-With no further business, Alderman Hooker motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 pm. Alderman Nieto seconded the motion. Roll Call: Hooker, yea, Johnson, yea, Nieto, yea, Mayor, yea. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Osborne

Michelle L. Osborne, City Clerk

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