

**Minutes**  
**Regular City Council Meeting**  
**November 12, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER—ROLL CALL**

The City Council of the City of Villa Grove met in regular session on **Tuesday, November 12, 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, Nieto, Pangburn, and Hooker. Aldermen Johnson and Cheely were absent. City Administrator Athey, Clerk Osborne, PW Director Mixell, CPS Director Rea were present.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****PUBLIC COMMENTS-No comments**

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

1. Minutes of the regular Committee of the Whole meeting, held September 23, 2024
2. Minutes of the regular City Council meeting, held October 15, 2024
3. Minutes of the regular Committee of the Whole meeting, held October 28, 2024
4. Authorization for the Payment of Bills
5. Financial Reports for the month ending August 31, 2024
6. Financial Reports for the month ending September 30, 2024
7. Replacement of back door to Zest for Life Center
8. Replacement of broken storm sewer cover at Washington & Richman
9. Purchase of sound system for the Community Rec Center
10. Approve topo survey quote for Richman/CRC area from ERA/Precision Engineering Group

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR/OTHER REPORTS**

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**-Jacki Athey reported: Got the insurance form the Longview Bank to have for the ice rink to be set up in their lot for the CTL festival. The strategic plan interviews are done. The focus groups should be done within the next 10 days. The Planning & Zoning committee wants to create an ordinance against storage containers for residential use. Mike Broeker resigned today as the Building Inspector. New signature cards should be available for signing at the bank. We are getting a \$250,000 grant from the State legislative records. Jacki wants to do a transfer from the TIF fund to the General Fund to keep the balance up until we get our \$ 2.1 million payment. Jacki will be out next week to attend the treasurer's conference in Bloomington.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:** Director of PW Mixell report: The leaf pickup has been very busy. The back door to the ZFL will be put in this Thursday. The bucket truck passed inspection with just 2 small repairs needed. The sanitary repair at the burn lot has been delayed for parts. The Christmas tree decorations have been put on the tree in this nice weather-it should be ready to go for the lighting. They did have to repair 3 strings of lights to use. The quote from Klaus Equipment should be done soon.

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CPS/PUBLIC SAFETY: Director Rea reported: Kyle Miller, Program coordinator began today. High School kids have been coming in and applying for jobs with the basketball games for 5-6 grade being played. Very helpful to have them working those games. The sound system was installed. He's been trying to get in touch with the landscaper with no results. Rogards did some furniture repair in the office. Been busy the last few weeks with about 35/day. More from out of town coming in. The 5-6 grade games have been well attended and busy. Bob will be out of office 11/20-23.

VGPD: Chief Tibbetts was out due to surgery-no report this week.

**MAYORAL REPORT**-The mayor reported there was some more money donated for the tree lighting and things seem to be ready to go for the festival. Pre-decorated trees will be displayed at the EmBARass bar/restaurant beginning on Tuesday and the bids will be opened on Sunday. Hoping for a good turnout of trees and bidders!

## **BUSINESS**

**1. Ordinance 2024-MC11—An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the Employment Agreement by the City of Villa Grove for the Position of CPS Programs Coordinator**

Alderman Hooker motioned to approve Ordinance 2024-MC11. Alderman Pangburn seconded the motion. Roll Call: Blaney, yea, Nieto, yea, Pangburn, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion passed.

**2. Approve contract modification for required traffic study of Route 130 and Cattail Lane**

Alderman Pangburn motioned to approve the contract modification for the traffic study on Route 130 and the water main and sewer extensions under Cattail Lane. Alderman Nieto seconded the motion. Roll Call: Blaney, yea, Nieto, yea, Pangburn, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion passed.

**3. Status of 2024 Tax Levy (payable 2025)**-No vote, just discussion of progress on determining amount. Will be ready for December meetings.

**CLOSED SESSION**-No Closed Session needed.

**ADJOURNMENT**-With no further business, Alderman Blaney motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 pm. Alderman Hooker seconded the motion. Call: Blaney, yea, Nieto, yea, Pangburn, 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