

Minutes
Regular City Council Meeting
December 23, 2024

CALL TO ORDER—ROLL CALL

The City Council of the City of Villa Grove met in regular session on **Monday, December 23, 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 Johnson, Blaney, Nieto, and Pangburn, Cheely, and Hooker. City Administrator Athey, Clerk Osborne, PW Director Mixell, PD Chief Tibbetts, were present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS-No comments were made.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR/OTHER REPORTS

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT-Jacki Athey reported: She is working on some treasurer updates and also doing the last payroll of the year 2024.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS: Director of PW Mixell report: The salt is done. Picnic Tables have been repaired and painted ready to go for summer. The generator is here and they are waiting for better weather for the installation. They will have to pour concrete for a pad to set it and temps have to be higher. The generator will run all furnaces and other items for city hall. This will make all city buildings equipped with generators and can be safe spaces during storms. The back door is done to city hall. The kitchen remodel planning is in progress. Sarah Bush Lincoln PeaceMeal program will share costs of the remodel. Marc spoke with a vendor for cleaning the shoreline at the reservoir for spring. The live trees will be disposed of after Christmas. The tree lights will be on all day Dec. 24-25 on Main street.

CPS/PUBLIC SAFETY: Director Rea reported: absent-no report.

VGPD: Chief Tibbetts-Chief reports they had a busy week with drug arrests and a DUI. They have hired Hunter Darling as a full time officer, and he will begin PTI Jan. 6.

MAYORAL REPORT-The mayor asked the council to consider extending the advertising budget to allow including a radio show being done from the community rec. center. Council gave consensus for that.

BUSINESS

- 1. Ordinance 2024-MC17—An Ordinance Regulating Placement of Large/Commercial Storage Containers**-Alderman Hooker motioned to approve Ordinance 2024-MC17. Alderman Cheely seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Nieto, Pangburn, yea, Cheely, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion passed.

- 2. Ordinance 2024-MC18—An Ordinance Levying Taxes For All Corporate Purposes For The City Of Villa Grove, Douglas County, Illinois, For The Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2024, And Ending April 30, 2025 in the amount of 479, 574.02**-Alderman Blaney motioned to approve Ordinance 2024-MC18. Alderman Pangburn seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Nieto, Pangburn, yea, Cheely, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion passed.

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- 3. Repairs/maintenance to PW backhoe**-Alderman Johnson motioned to approve repairs needed for the backhoe in PW in the range of \$2000. Seconded by Alderman Nieto. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Nieto, Pangburn, yea, Cheely, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion passed.

CLOSED SESSION-Alderman Pangburn motioned to go into Closed session at 6:24 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, with no further business upon open session. Alderman Hooker seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Nieto, Pangburn, yea, Cheely, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT-With no further business, Alderman Hooker motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 pm. Alderman Cheely seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Nieto, Pangburn, yea, Cheely, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Osborne

Michelle L. Osborne, City Clerk
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