

Minutes
Regular City Council Meeting
February 10, 2025

CALL TO ORDER—ROLL CALL

The City Council of the City of Villa Grove met in regular session on **Monday, February 10, 2025**, in Council Chambers. Mayor Eversole-Gunter called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Roll call found the following members present: Alderman Johnson, Nieto, Clark and Hooker. Aldermen Blaney and Cheely were absent. City Administrator Athey, Clerk Osborne, Treasurer Swanson, RecCtr Director Rea, PW Director Mixell, PD Chief Tibbetts, were present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS-No comments were made.

CONSENT AGENDA (ITEMS FOR SINGLE-VOTE APPROVAL WITHOUT DISCUSSION)-Alderman Johnson motioned to approve the consent agenda items. Second was given by Alderman Nieto. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Nieto, yea, Clark, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion passed.

1. Minutes of the special Committee of the Whole meeting, held January 13, 2025
2. Minutes of the regular City Council meeting, held January 14, 2025
3. Minutes of the regular Committee of the Whole meeting, held January 27, 2025
4. Authorization for the Payment of Bills
5. Approval of final updates for RSC parking/drainage project bidding
6. Hiring of inspector for asbestos survey pre-demolition
7. Approval of John Leon Park reservoir cleanout by Fenter Machinery
8. Approval to utilize police department personnel for investigations of Community Rec Center vandalization/damages

CITY ADMINISTRATOR/OTHER REPORTS-

City Administrator-Jacki Athey reported she was at a conference last week for treasurers and financial administrators. The strategic plan ratings are in need of completion by tomorrow. Bens-Clancy submission to IDOT for road on East Side of Pheasant Pointe. The Labor market profile for Douglas County is available for review if interested. This is from the Douglas County Economic Development Committee. The insurance claim for the park damage is closed. The Chamber of Commerce meeting for the mayoral debate will be held 3/5/25, at the Community Building at 7 pm.

Recreation Center Director Rea-Reports Spring sports sign up is going well. Check ins to the center in September 2024 were 508 total and for Jan. 2025 were 1460. The damage to the center responsible party has been identified and dealt with. The wall has been fixed and is back to normal.

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Public Works Director Mixell-Marc reported he picked up equipment to be sold. The sidewalk quotes for Main Street are out. Jim Crane, County engineer, will be here Wednesday to discuss roads. Illinois American Water will install meters on the splash pad at the park. We have a server credit coming from IAW.

Police Chief Tibbetts-There was an issue at the school with an alleged threat that was made. Investigation determined there was no threat at all and the issue was resolved. Office Mingo is done with SRO training. Zach will be back on duty this week. We will address illegal parking on Main Street.

BUSINESS

1. **Ordinance 2025-MC02—An Ordinance Authorizing and Approving a Redevelopment Agreement Between the City of Villa Grove, Douglas County, Illinois and AF Antronics**
 -Alderman Hooker motioned to approve Ordinance 2025-MC02, a TIF agreement with Loren Anderson d/b/a/ AF Antronics, in the amount of \$18,450. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Nieto, yea, Clark, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion passed.
2. **Ordinance 2025-MC03—An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the Employment Agreement by the City of Villa Grove for the Position of Director of Public Works**
 -Alderman Johnson motioned to approve 2025-MC03 for employment agreement. Alderman Nieto seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Nieto, yea, Clark, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion passed.
3. **Resolution 2025-R01—A Resolution Authorizing the City of Villa Grove to Solicit Bids for the Sale of Lots in the Villa Grove Johnston’s First Addition**-Alderman Johnson motioned to approve Resolution 2025-R01. Seconded by Alderman Nieto. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Nieto, yea, Clark, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion passed.
4. **Approve closing of checking account at Longview Bank**-Alderman Johnson motioned to approve closing the checking account at Longview State Bank. Alderman Nieto seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Nieto, yea, Clark, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion passed.
5. **Approve the early payoff of the Emergency Services Center building loan at Villa Grove State Bank**-Alderman Hooker motioned to approve early payoff of ESC Bldg. loan.. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Nieto, yea, Clark, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion passed.
6. **Approve annual/final TIF#1 transfer to General Fund (\$250K)**-Alderman Johnson motioned to approve the transfer of funds to pay back the General Fund from TIF#1. Alderman Nieto seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Nieto, yea, Clark, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion passed.
7. **Status of burning issues within City limits**-This was a discussion of seeing more people burning items in the city, and we want to remind the public there is a no burning law in effect in the City.

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- 8. Approval to reimburse FD personnel for expenses to pick up a compressor in Ohio**-Alderman Johnson motioned to approve travel reimbursement for the FD personnel on trip to Ohio for parts. Alderman Nieto seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Nieto, yea, Clark, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion passed.

CLOSED SESSION-No Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT-With no further business, Alderman Hooker motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 pm. Alderman Clark seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Nieto, yea, Clark, 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