

**Minutes
Public Hearing
and
Regular City Council Meeting
April 28, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER—ROLL CALL

The City Council of the City of Villa Grove met in a Public Hearing for Fiscal Year 2026 budget on **Monday, April 28, 2025**, in council chambers. Mayor Eversole-Gunter called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

The only business item for this meeting was presentation/discussion of the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget for the City of Villa Grove, IL. The following members were present: Aldermen Blaney, Johnson, Nieto, Clark, and Cheely. Alderman Hooker was absent. Also attending were Mayor Eversole-Gunter, City Administrator Athey, Clerk Osborne, Attorney Marc Miller, Rec Ctr. Dir. Rea, and PD Chief Tibbetts. No members of the public were in attendance. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm to begin the regular city council meeting.

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS-No comments were made.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR/OTHER REPORTS-

City Administrator-Jacki Athey overview of projects showed continued work on the budget for today's meetings/approval, creating the TIF agreements for next meeting, doing some training with the treasurer, and searching for more information on the mobile home park ordinance.

Recreation Center Director Rea- Director Rea reported on soccer, baseball sign ups and the start of the seasons. The parking lot is currently torn up to be resurfaced so that is creating some traffic issues, and the membership renewals are going well.

Public Works Director Mixell-Marc Mixell stated they are making quick progress on the parking lot and seem to be doing well. His crew has kept busy with the spring maintenance issues and other projects.

Police Chief Tibbetts-Chief was gone for 3 days of training. There was a rabbit death reported by the county from Tulermania. Police officers will be stepping up the ordinance violations for long grass. He has begun working with a car dealer for the new squad car.

Mayor-The Mayor has been working to resolve boundary issues in the McCoy subdivision with the new homeowners who have built just north of there for fencing that will be going up. The right of ways need to be completed for all of the homeowners so there is a legal division in place. Berns & Clancy are working on getting this completed for the city to vacate the egresses on each property and record it for the owners. She reminds the council that someone needs to meet with the rodeo company to coordinate their needs for the rodeo this summer.

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BUSINESS

1. **Ordinance 2025-MC09—An Ordinance Approving the City of Villa Grove Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2026** -Alderman Blaney motioned to approve Ordinance 2025-MC09. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Nieto, yea, Clark, yea, Cheely, yea. Motion passed.
2. **Approve award and contract bond for MFT bidder (annual road work)**-Alderman Nieto motioned to approve award and bond for Earl Walker Co. for road work. Johnson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Nieto, yea, Clark, yea, Cheely, yea. Motion passed.
3. **Building improvements for Jones properties** -Dr. Phil Jones was present to give an update on the improvements made for buildings he owns on Main Street-with the south end building just being completed and they have asked for the money from TIF for that. He also explained his plans to go further, and do some improvements around the corner to the former Andrews Fabrication building, and to the building situated on the corner of 130 and Monroe Streets. Council all agreed that would make a huge difference to people as they travel that main route through town and thanked him for the updates. He also planted the new spruce tree at Richman park.

CLOSED SESSION-No Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT-With no further business, Alderman Cheely motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 pm. Alderman Blaney seconded the motion. Roll Call: Johnson, yea, Blaney, yea, Nieto, yea, Clark, yea, Cheely, yea. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Osborne

Michelle L. Osborne, City Clerk

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