

**Minutes
Rescheduled-Committee of the Whole
City Council Meeting
May 29, 2025**

[NOTE: This meeting was rescheduled due to the Memorial Day Holiday and too many council members plus the mayor being unable to meet on May 27, the original date of meeting.]

CALL TO ORDER—The City Council of the City of Villa Grove met as a Committee of the Whole session on **Thursday, May 29, 2025**, in Council Chambers. Mayor Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m. Roll call found the following members present: Alderman Elston, Fulk, Taylor-Sanford, Nieto, Clark, and Hooker. City Administrator/Comptroller Athey, Clerk Osborne, PW Director Mixell, CRC Director Rea, were also present. Police Chief Tibbetts and Treasurer Swanson were absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE -The Mayor stood and led all attendees in The Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC COMMENTS-No comments.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT-Jacki Athey reported the Catholic Church is asking to install a handicap ramp in the front of the church, which will have to be ADA compliant. PW Director Mixell will contact them about the project. Athey continues working on the End of the Year tasks. The Douglas County EMA is asking Villa Grove to appoint a representative to the committee. Alderman Elston said he could do it since he goes anyway. There is an annexation request coming from Illinois American Water for the new ground they have purchased for construction of a new waste treatment plant. The Engineers at BCA are working on the subdivision and have requested some infrastructure approvals to send to the EPA. She reminded all that payroll will process as usual this week.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

PUBLIC WORKS-DIRECTOR MIXELL reported: Road work will begin with pulverization happening first. if they have 10 good weather days they can be done with that portion. The edges of roads will also be fixed. Tree removal quotes are out-we have 8 trees to be taken down. He has also sent out quotes for concrete. Images of the lighting for the parking lot are found in the packet along with the layout. Concrete will be poured in the parking lot at Richman Park. The south side is done and ready to be used for parking on Monday. The project is currently running ahead of schedule. Marc is in contact with Illinois American Water about places around town that are still not fixed from previous work over last summer and spring. IAW said they are having issues getting Cross Construction (their contractor) in to finish up their items, but Marc will stay on them to get these things done.

CPS: DIRECTOR and Public Safety Coordinator Bob Rea: The Splash Pad will not be open until the parking lot project is further along. Once the north side is poured and open it will be better to open the pad. They received another grant from DCHD in the amount of \$12,500 to spend for events and professional development meetings. The 3 on 3 basketball leagues will be starting up soon, as planning is ongoing. RISE behavioral and wellness program will be in the building on Mon and Thursday to give workshops.

No reports from the Police Department or from the Mayor.

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DISCUSSION OF BUSINESS (NON-VOTING)

1. TIF districts – Jake Zambaldi of Moran Economic Development - Jake was present to give an educational session on TIF districts to the newly seated council. Since there are so many new members it was important to explain the basics and give everyone an overview. Information was well received and all were appreciative of Jake's time and expertise.

2. Review/consensus for Jones Rentals Project #2-Discussions commenced on the TIF project approval process and with new people now on the council, it was decided to take a little more time to research what is being done for the approval process and how changes might be made. No consensus of approval was given at this time for this project.

3. Review/consensus for Mid-Illinois Change Order No. 2 -There were some issues that occurred in trying to place the gravel drainage area in the field due to discovering there were mapping errors on how the lines were laid out. This led to additional time and work to get the drainage corrected and to mark new lines. This increased the cost by \$9,348.79. Consensus was given to complete this and pay the amount, since this is a critical issue that should be corrected now to avoid future problems.

4. Review plans for fireworks event -The fireworks event is June 27 at Richman Park. It seems reasonable that the parking lot project will be completed by that time. Vendors are lined up, and the scheduling is being completed for the evening. A DJ has been secured. Derek Rasmussen is coordinating with vendors at this time.

5. Consensus to reimburse Alderman Clark for mileage associated with Peace Meal deliveries -Consensus was given to pay mileage to Wayne Clark for Peace Meal deliveries.

6. Rescheduling of future Council voting and committee of the whole meetings-There are some conflicts with upcoming meetings on the schedule so some changes to dates must be made. Consensus was to hold the next regular meeting on Monday, June 16, 2025 and then the COTW meeting on June 30, 2025. July meetings will go back to the originally scheduled dates of the 2nd and 4th Mondays.

CLOSED SESSION: No Closed Session was needed.

ADJOURNMENT-With no further business, Alderman Elston motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m. Alderman Clark seconded the motion. Roll Call: Elston, yea, Fulk, yea, Nieto, yea, Clark, yea, Taylor-Sanford, yea, Hooker, yea. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Osborne

Michelle L. Osborne, City Clerk

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