

Minutes

Special City Council Meeting July 14, 2025

CALL TO ORDER—ROLL CALL

The City Council of the City of Villa Grove met in special session on **Monday, July 14, 2025**, in Council Chambers. Mayor Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Roll call found the following members present: Alderman Elston, Fulk, Taylor-Sanford, Clark, and Hooker. Alderman Nieto was absent. City Administrator Athey, Clerk Osborne, PW Director Mixell and CC Director Rea were present. PD Chief Tibbetts and Treasurer Swanson were absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS-No public comments.

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

1. Minutes of the regular City Council meeting, held June 16, 2025
2. Minutes of the regular Committee of the Whole meeting, held June 30, 2025
3. Authorization for the Payment of Bills
4. Financial Reports for the month ending May 31, 2025
5. Approval of OSLAD grant application process for Richman Park

CITY ADMINISTRATOR/OTHER REPORTS-

City Administrator-Jacki Athey stated the audit began today and will be going for most of the week with auditors onsite. There was a meeting about the north end real estate development area with the Mayor and Jacki. She also met with Il Amer. Water about upcoming projects they have and status of current projects. They will be starting on the new waste treatment plant planning. Saturday-Wednesday, Jacki will be out for a conference.

Community Recreation Center Director Rea- Director Rea stated they are still having issues with the water controls for the splash pad. The contractor has been back and is still trying to get it fixed. Upland design company held a meeting about completing the grant for OSLAD submission. Bob suggests submitting for the two projects that would be around \$1.2 million. If we don't get the grant this year, we can reapply next year.

Public Works Director Mixell-Marc Mixell stated the generator has now been installed at city hall. There is still a gas line to be installed and once that is done, the generator will be operational. Tree work will happen at the end of July and will take about 3-4 weeks. The concrete construction will begin the 1st week of August and will run for most of the month. The vendor working on the reservoir at John Leon Park is continuing with some more aquatic weed controls for the bottom of the lake, and they will do another treatment to see if the weeds will be in better control. The pond was shocked by IDNR and the report has not been issued yet on the population counts. We will also update the signage at the park and the DNR ranger is going to assist us with getting some grants for new docks. We will be hiring a new part time worker.

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Police Chief Tibbetts-Cole Tibbetts was absent so no report.

Mayor-Mayor Derek Rasmussen-nothing additional to report.

BUSINESS

1. **Ordinance 2025-MC13— An Ordinance Approving a Contract to Sell Real Estate for the City of Villa Grove, Douglas County, Illinois (East Harrison Street)** -Alderman Hooker motioned to approve 2025-MC13 for sale of real estate. Alderman Elston seconded the motion. Roll Call: Elston, yea, Taylor-Sanford, yea, Fulk, yea, Clark, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion passed.
2. **Resolution 2025-R03—A Resolution Adopting the 2024 Douglas County Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazards Mitigation Plan** -Alderman Elston motioned to approve 2025-R03. Alderman Taylor-Sanford seconded the motion. Roll Call: Elston, yea, Taylor-Sanford, yea, Fulk, yea, Clark, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion passed.
3. **Approve Mid-Illinois Concrete Pay Request No. 3 – \$124,420.00** -Alderman Hooker motioned to approve payment on MIC PR3. Alderman Fulk seconded the motion. Roll Call: Elston, yea, Taylor-Sanford, yea, Fulk, yea, Clark, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion passed.
4. **Ag Days vendor permits/planning** -Alderman Hooker motioned to waive the permit fees for food vendors for Ag Days. The deadline will be Friday at 3 pm to get the permits. Alderman Elston seconded. Roll Call: Elston, yea, Taylor-Sanford, yea, Fulk, yea, Clark, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion passed.
5. **Tri-City Country Club occupancy issue for construction** -Alderman Clark motioned to keep the occupancy number the same as is currently required in the state law. Alderman Elston seconded the motion. Roll Call: Elston, yea, Taylor-Sanford, yea, Fulk, yea, Clark, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion passed.
6. **Approve termination of CRP contract on land purchased from Crawford**-Alderman Clark motioned to approve termination of the CRP contract on land on north end development. Alderman Elston seconded. Roll Call: Elston, yea, Taylor-Sanford, yea, Fulk, yea, Clark, yea, Hooker, no. Motion passed.
7. **Authorization to sell surplus equipment of fire department and public works**-Alderman Elston recused himself on this item. Alderman Clark motioned to approve selling surplus equipment from the fire department and the public works department. Alderman Taylor-Sanford seconded. Roll Call: Taylor-Sanford, yea, Fulk, yea, Clark, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion passed.
8. **Approve additional ash tree removals by contractor**-Alderman Fulk motioned to approve removal of some ash trees during the other work being completed by the contractor. Alderman Taylor-Sanford seconded the motion. Roll Call: Elston, yea, Taylor-Sanford, yea, Fulk, yea, Clark, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion passed.

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CLOSED SESSION-No Closed session.

ADJOURNMENT-With no further business, Alderman Hooker motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 pm. Alderman Clark seconded the motion. Roll Call: Elston, yea, Taylor-Sanford, yea, Fulk, 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