

Minutes
City of Villa Grove, Illinois
Committee of the Whole Meeting
October 20, 2025

Call to Order—Roll Call: The City Council of the City of Villa Grove met in committee session on Monday, October 20, 2025, in the Council Chambers (Zest For Life Center). Mayor Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call found the following members present: Aldermen Clark, Elston, Fulk and Taylor-Sanford. City Administrator Athey, Police Chief Tibbetts and PW Director Mixell were present. Alderman Hooker, Alderman Nieto and City Clerk Osborne were absent.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Mayor stood and led all attendees in The Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments: No citizens were present.

Reports:

Athey – stated she had been catching up from absences and began work on this year’s tax levy estimation which would be discussed under business.

Mixell – ILAW should begin replacement of the water meter/service line in Henson Park in the next 10+ days. Finishing work around the reservoir and new sidewalks is completed, and beginning equipment prep for snow removal with road salt being delivered last week. PW is currently working on pulling and prepping Christmas decorations to be placed in the next few weeks. He noted that the “dying” tree had grown enough this year to require the rental of a lift since our truck bucket no longer reaches the top for decorating. The reservoir was recently stocked with trout and is seeing a lot of community use.

Tibbetts – loss of FT patrolman since last week, and advertisement was posted to social media and will be placed on blueline.com with the hopes of getting good, trained applicants. The department has seen good compliance with recent ordinance violations sent on unkempt properties. The new squad is nearly complete, and an older one is now having an electrical issue that should not be a major fix. The new hire is doing well in PTI. He also requested the City to purchase a carrier for a potential part-time hire, which should cost between \$350-400.

Mayor – stated he’d attended the prior weeks’ Chamber meeting, who reported that the wine walk went well with steady turnout and a slight increase in profit. For the tree lighting event, they also talked about painted windows with a theme/game for next year’s CTL that is being researched. Two people were interested in establishing a Santa-versus-Grinch community dodgeball/snowball fight for the event as well, so the mayor purchased the dodgeballs to support it. He had also received many complements on the reservoir. He returned to the Chamber, noting that they understand the previous insurance issues and they’d even proposed adding the City to their policy as a year-round additionally-insured party. Mixell noted that a brief discussion was held last year regarding replacement of the Christmas wreaths (which the Chamber purchased), and the mayor noted that we would revisit this when the decorations were in place.

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Discussion of Pending Business:

Director Mixell presented several quotes for replacement of the large roll-up doors on the east side of the PW garage. Consensus was given to move forward with replacing two of the four doors this year from the lowest-priced vendor.

Administrator Athey went over a few documents to educate new council members on the tax levy process in Illinois and locally, which will be completed over the next 6-8 weeks.

There was no need to enter into Closed Session.

Adjournment: With no further items to be discussed, all members concurred to conclude the meeting at 6:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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