

Minutes
Regular City Council Meeting
October 6, 2025

CALL TO ORDER—ROLL CALL

The City Council of the City of Villa Grove met in regular session on **Monday, October 6, 2025**, in Council Chambers. Mayor Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call found the following members present: Alderman Taylor-Sanford, Fulk, Elston, Clark, and Hooker. Alderman Nieto was absent. City Administrator Athey, Clerk Osborne, PW Director Mixell, and CC Director Rea. PD Chief Tibbetts Treasurer Swanson were absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS-no comments

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

1. Minutes of the regular City Council meeting, held September 8, 2025
2. Minutes of the regular Committee of the Whole meeting, held September 22, 2025
3. Authorization for the Payment of Bills
4. Financial Reports for the month ending August 31, 2025
5. Establish Trick-Or-Treat hours on October 31 from 5:00-8:00 p.m.
6. America250 Community participation event
7. Execution of Record-A-Hit contract for ice skating event

CITY ADMINISTRATOR/OTHER REPORTS-

City Administrator-Jacki Athey stated the IDOT permit has been received for the Pheasant Pointe new road (Cattail Lane). She has been working on the tentative date for the EAV's for the tax levy, the annual insurance renewal bill is up 13% from last year (\$88,200), the county Economic Development Committee meeting will be Wednesday in Tuscola, and she will be out next week for personal leave.

Community Recreation Center Director Rea- Director Rea stated the VFW Halloween contest will be held at the Community Center on October 31, 2025. Bob is a contact for the Christmas Tree Lighting committee.

Public Works Director Mixell-Marc Mixell stated they have done some limited leaf pickups, but have not started the regular routes yet. All of the trees and stumps from our list have been completed by the vendor. October 9 IDNR will be stocking the John Leon Park reservoir with trout and signs will be posted about when fishing can be resumed. Quotes for the ballfield #1 for getting it laser-leveled for better draining and he is also getting quotes for the lights on field #3 and also for lights at Henson Park. Five more trees that need to be removed by the tree cutting vendor are quoted at \$4900-consensus was given to approve having those removed.

Police Chief Tibbetts-Cole Tibbetts was absent, but the mayor reported that Officer Dylan Campbell is resigning as of 10/15/2025, to go to another department. They currently have 1 applicant interested and will advertise to fill the position.

Mayor-Mayor Rasmussen has been working with Charolie Burris from the VFW concerning the events for the CTL

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in November. They are in agreement not to have the reindeer this year or to sell the live trees. One request came that for next year the city should notify for the meetings and to start planning much earlier for the CTL event-more like July 2026. The ice rink will be located on the south end of Main Street this year, closer to the VFW and other sites of participation. Marc Mixell will check on the electrical hook ups available. Alderman Hooker added he has spoken with Jackie Joines from the DAR and she is willing to assist with planning the America 250 event.

BUSINESS

1. **Ordinance 2025-MC17—An Ordinance Approving Changes to the City of Villa Grove Zoning Code to Provide for Clarification on Location of Fencing** -Alderman Clark motioned to approve 2025-MC17. Alderman Elston seconded the motion. Roll Call: Taylor-Sanford, yea, Fulk, yea, Elston, yea, Clark, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion passed.
2. **Resolution 2025-R04—A Resolution of Adoption of the City of Villa Grove Travel Policy** - Alderman Elston motioned to approve 2025-R04 for adoption of a travel policy for city employees. Alderman Fulk seconded the motion. Roll Call: Taylor-Sanford, yea, Fulk, yea, Elston, yea, Clark, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion passed.
3. **Approve quote for replacement of water line for Henson Park restrooms/concessions** - Alderman Clark motioned to approve CU Construction to do the replacement of the water line at Henson. Alderman Elston seconded the motion. Roll Call: Taylor-Sanford, yea, Fulk, yea, Elston, yea, Clark, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion passed.
4. **Approval of construction agreement for ILAW utility extension at north end of Pheasant Pointe** -Alderman Elston motioned to approve for ILAW to move forward on the construction of water utility extension at Pheasant Pointe . Alderman Fulk seconded the motion. Roll Call: Taylor-Sanford, yea, Fulk, yea, Elston, yea, Clark, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion passed.
5. **Approve execution of IDOT construction permit application for Cattail Lane** -Alderman Fulk motioned to approve the IDOT permit application. Alderman Elston seconded the motion. Roll Call: Taylor-Sanford, yea, Fulk, yea, Elston, yea, Clark, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion passed.
6. **Approval of radar speed signs**-Alderman Clark motioned to TABLE the approval or radar speed signs until more information is available. Alderman Fulk seconded the motion to TABLE. Roll Call: Taylor-Sanford, yea, Fulk, yea, Elston, yea, Clark, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion passed to TABLE.

CLOSED SESSION-No Closed session.

ADJOURNMENT-With no further business, Alderman Hooker motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 pm. Alderman Elston seconded the motion. Roll Call: Taylor-Sanford, yea, Fulk, yea, Elston, 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