

**Minutes**  
**Regular City Council Meeting**  
**November 3, 2025**

**CALL TO ORDER—ROLL CALL**

The City Council of the City of Villa Grove met in regular session on **Monday, November 3, 2025**, in Council Chambers. Mayor Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Roll call found the following members present: Alderman Taylor-Sanford, Fulk, Nieto, Elston, Clark. Alderman Hooker was absent. City Administrator Athey, Clerk Osborne, PW Director Mixell, PD Chief Tibbetts, Treasurer Swanson were present. CC Director Rea was 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 Nieto. Roll Call: Taylor-Sanford, yea, Fulk, yea, Nieto, yea, Elston, yea, Clark, yea. Motion passed.

1. Minutes of the regular City Council meeting, held October 6, 2025
2. Minutes of the regular Committee of the Whole meeting, held October 20, 2025
3. Authorization for the Payment of Bills
4. Corrected Financial Reports for the month ending August 31, 2025
5. Financial Reports for the month ending September 30, 2025
6. Approval of additional fall tree removals needed by contractor

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR/OTHER REPORTS-**

**City Administrator**-Jacki Athey stated she has been working on the tax levy numbers. The new checking account for the community center is set up. Auditors are here for our next meeting to review the audit. Jacki will be gone for the next meeting to a conference.

**Community Recreation Center Director Rea**- No report-absent

**Public Works Director Mixell**-Marc Mixell stated the leaf collection routes have been ongoing and busy. Xmas decorations are going up this week since the weather is nice. The overhead doors are ordered and will take about 3-4 weeks to arrive. Paperwork for the water lines at Henson has been started.

**Police Chief Tibbetts**-Cole Tibbetts stated the department had a major arrest this week on a suspected credit card fraud case. He was gone for some training for the week last week. He is looking to hire two part time officers hopefully by next week. He will need to order 1 safety vest for one of the officers.

**Mayor**-Mayor Rasmussen has been working on the Christmas Tree lighting festival plans. They are going to purchase 15 live trees for the planters uptown, which can then be transplanted to the parks later.

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**BUSINESS**

1. **Tentative tax levy amount for 2025 (payable 2026)** -Discussion of options for the levy amount.
  1. Ask the exact same as later year with an increase of 2.37%; 2. Ask for actual costs, which is up 9%; 3. Add the money back that was received from the county for bridge repairs to help decrease the amount needed. This will also require passing a tax abatement on the bonds for the community center. The amount is \$513,626.34. December 1 is the date we have to approve the levy. Alderman Fulk motioned to have the amount as \$513,626.34. Alderman Elston seconded the motion. Roll Call: Taylor-Sanford, yea, Fulk, yea, Nieto, yea, Elston, yea, Clark, yea. Motion passed.

**CLOSED SESSION-No Closed session.**

**ADJOURNMENT**-With no further business, Alderman Elston motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 pm. Alderman Fulk seconded the motion. Roll Call: Taylor-Sanford, yea, Fulk, yea, Nieto, yea, Elston, yea, Clark, yea. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

*Michelle L. Osborne*

Michelle L. Osborne, City Clerk

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