

Minutes
Regular City Council Meeting
December 01, 2025

CALL TO ORDER—ROLL CALL

The City Council of the City of Villa Grove met in regular session on **Monday, December 01, 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, Nieto, Elston. Alderman Hooker and Clark were absent. City Administrator Athey, Clerk Osborne, and Attorney Miller were present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS-Brad Drew of Leaf It To Us was in attendance to speak to council members about possibly purchasing a portion of city land that abuts his property. He wants to put a camping area/therapy farm in conjunction with his garden center and current business areas. This land is between the cemetery and the industrial park. The City currently does not utilize this certain spot of land. If we were to move forward there would be surveying that has to be done and some zoning changes before he can build anything. The Mayor and council thanked him for his presentation and for proposing something that could draw people to our city. Discussions will have to happen to determine next steps in the process.

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, Nieto, yea, Elston, yea. Motion passed.

1. Minutes of the regular City Council meeting, held November 3, 2025
2. Minutes of the regular Committee of the Whole meeting, held November 17, 2025
3. Authorization for the Payment of Bills
4. Financial Reports for the month ending October 31, 2025

CITY ADMINISTRATOR/OTHER REPORTS-

City Administrator-Jacki Athey stated she has attended a conference and found the information on no tax on overtime law that goes into effect Jan. 1, 2026. The audit has been completed and was turned in early to the county clerk, so we need to also submit a report on the TIF to the State. One item that PW Director Mixell discussed with her to bring up in his absence, is there should be a snow route put in place for parking at Pheasant Pointe plus a few other areas. Getting snowplows around parked vehicles out there creates many safety obstacles for all concerned.

Community Recreation Center Director Rea- No report-absent

Public Works Director Mixell-Marc Mixell -no report-absent

Police Chief Tibbetts-Cole Tibbetts -no report-absent

Mayor-Mayor Rasmussen discussed the turnout for the Christmas Tree lighting festival. The weather certainly interfered with attendance this year. He commended Public Works on their prompt attention to clearing streets and sidewalks from the unexpected snowstorm, to assist with everyone being able to attend.

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BUSINESS

1. **Ordinance 2025-MC18—An Ordinance Levying Taxes for All Corporate Purposes for the City of Villa Grove, Douglas County, Illinois, for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2025, and Ending April 30, 2026 (Commonly Known as the “2025 Tax Levy”)** -Alderman Elston motioned to submit the amount of \$513,626.34 for the tax levy. Alderman Nieto seconded the motion. Roll Call: Taylor-Sanford, yea, Fulk, yea, Nieto, yea, Elston, yea. Motion passed.
2. **Ordinance 2025-MC19—An Ordinance Concerning Ordinance 2022-MC11, An Ordinance Authorizing and Directing the Issuance of \$3,000,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2022, of the City of Villa Grove, Douglas County, Illinois, Abating All of the Levy and Extension of Taxes for the Year 2025 Previously Established to Pay Such Bonds**-Alderman Fulk motioned to approve Ordinance 2025-MC19 for bond payment. Alderman Taylor-Sanford seconded the motion. Roll Call: Taylor-Sanford, yea, Fulk, yea, Nieto, yea, Elston, yea. Motion passed.
3. **Approve 2026 Annual Meeting Schedule**-Alderman Fulk motioned to approve the annual schedule of meetings for the City Council for the year 2026. Alderman Nieto seconded the motion. Roll Call: Taylor-Sanford, yea, Fulk, yea, Nieto, yea, Elston, yea. Motion passed.
4. **Annual/holiday bonuses for City employees**-Alderman Elston motioned to approve bonuses to City employees as follows: \$500 for full time employees, \$250 for part time employees, \$100 for volunteers for a total of \$15, 750. Alderman Taylor-Sanford seconded the motion. Roll Call: Taylor-Sanford, yea, Fulk, yea, Nieto, yea, Elston, yea. Motion passed.

CLOSED SESSION-No Closed session.

ADJOURNMENT-With no further business, Alderman Fulk motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 pm. Alderman Elston seconded the motion. Roll Call: Taylor-Sanford, yea, Fulk, yea, Nieto, yea, Elston, yea. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Osborne

Michelle L. Osborne, City Clerk

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