

**Minutes**  
**Regular City Council Meeting**  
**March 2, 2026**

**CALL TO ORDER—ROLL CALL**

The City Council of the City of Villa Grove met in regular session on **Monday, March 2, 2026**, in Council Chambers. Mayor Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Roll call found the following members present: Alderman Taylor-Sanford, Fulk, Nieto, Elston, Clark and Hooker. City Administrator Athey, Clerk Osborne, Treasurer Swanson, PD Chief Tibbetts, CCD Rea, and PW Mixell were present.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****PUBLIC COMMENTS-No 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: Taylor-Sanford, yea, Fulk, yea, Nieto, yea, Elston, yea, Clark, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion passed.

1. Minutes of the regular City Council meeting, held February 2, 2026
2. Minutes of the regular Committee of the Whole meeting, held February 16, 2026
3. Authorization for the Payment of Bills
4. Financial Reports for the month ending January 31, 2026

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR/OTHER REPORTS-**

**City Administrator**-Jacki Athey stated she has been working on the budget items for FY 27. She has also been completing some grant forms from Mary Miller's office and has closed out the MFT year. Ameren will be installing poles in places around the city.

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

**Public Works Director Mixell**- Marc stated that Ameren contacted them today to say they will be replacing poles on the edge of town out by the data center. The poles are much larger and the switches will have auto detection. The budget numbers are almost done for his department. He is hiring the same part time seasonal person from the Fall and they will begin soon.

**Police Chief Tibbetts**-Cole Tibbetts updated on the new officers. He said Ricky is almost ready to be on his own. He also wants to remind citizens there is a burning ordinance in place that bans burning. He has been working on his budget. Also, Austin Grimm has decided to remain with VGPD.

**Mayor**-Mayor Rasmussen has been searching for a replacement for the engineering firm of BCA, which has not responded to questions from us about further work to be done by them. Derek contacted an engineering firm -MG Engineering out of Effingham to perhaps work on the Prairie Fire subdivision. He is hoping to continue talks with them.

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**BUSINESS**

1. **Proclamation for local TASK Mentor Day** -Trust Appreciation Support with Kindness (TASK) is a Douglas County organization that sponsors mentoring with children. This will proclaim Saturday, March 28, 2026, as the Villa Grove Mentorship Day. Alderman Hooker gave the first motion to support, and Alderman Taylor-Sanford gave the second. Roll Call: Taylor-Sanford, yea, Fulk, yea, Nieto, yea, Elston, yea, Clark, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion passed.
2. **Approval of a franchise agreement amendment with Waste Management of Illinois Inc (recycling and refuse services)** -Alderman Clark motioned to approve the updated franchise agreement with Waste Management. There will be an annual 5% increase in fees, and bulk items will be picked up 4 times per year at the curbside of residences. This agreement also standardizes the commercial pricing. Alderman Fulk seconded the motion. Roll Call: Taylor-Sanford, yea, Fulk, yea, Nieto, yea, Elston, yea, Clark, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion passed.
3. **Repairs to public works ATV/side-by-side**-Alderman Elston motioned to approve the repairs to the PW side by side that are needed as estimated to be around \$6,000. Alderman Nieto seconded the motion. Roll Call: Taylor-Sanford, yea, Fulk, yea, Nieto, yea, Elston, yea, Clark, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion passed.

**CLOSED SESSION-No Closed session.**

**ADJOURNMENT**-With no further business, Alderman Hooker motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 pm. Alderman Elston seconded the motion. Roll Call: Taylor-Sanford, yea, Fulk, yea, Nieto, 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