

**Minutes
Special Committee of the Whole Meeting
March 30, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER—ROLL CALL

The City Council of the City of Villa Grove met in a special Committee of the Whole session on **Thursday, March 30, 2026**, in Council Chambers. Mayor Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 6:03 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, Treasurer Swanson, PW Director Mixell, Rec Ctr Director Rea, Fire Chief Black, and PD Chief Tibbetts were present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS-No comments were made.

BUSINESS

1. **FY26 budget analysis** -Discussion of all departments and the budgets for the next fiscal year. Each department head presented their budgets and any items that will change and also big purchases. The council had questions on items and they were answered by the department directors. **The Budget has to be approved by April 30, 2026. Special voting meeting will be held Monday, April 27, 2026. This was a working session and no voting was taken.**

Summary of large purchases for each department:

City Administrator-for Offices of the City most purchases will be for supplies and updating computer equipment and programs. No large purchases planned.

Public Works-Signs for parks-3 parks @ \$11k each=\$33k; Lighting replacements -no estimate yet; Equipment purchases-Dump truck/snow plow-\$94k to replace current one that is rusting out and is 20 years old; New Trees-approximately 50 trees, estimate \$12k

Community Rec Center-building maintenance and programs; installing a camera system for security.

Police Department-Replacing secretary due to retirement; possible purchase of a ballistic shield-Est. \$7k

Fire Department-Delivery of new fire truck this year-balance is \$1.2 mil left to pay; replacing Brush Truck with a truck from Public Works and outfitting it; of course ongoing maintenance and repairs to current equipment.

ADJOURNMENT-With no further business, Alderman Hooker motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 pm. Alderman Fulk 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