

Minutes
Regular City Council Meeting
April 13, 2026

CALL TO ORDER—ROLL CALL

The City Council of the City of Villa Grove met in regular session on **Monday, April 13, 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, Elston, Clark.. Alderman Nieto and Hooker were absent.City Administrator Athey, Clerk Osborne, Treasurer Swanson, PD Chief Tibbetts, CCD Rea, and PW Mixell were present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS-Many people attended the meeting. Tony and Trisa Martin presented a schedule for Motors and Music car shows to be held monthly and asked for usage of the street and barricades.

The other issue people discussed was an incident that happened during the last week where someone was given a DUI on a golf cart and the cart was impounded. Many felt this was not fair to this individual due to their age and living circumstances. However, it was pointed out that this was how the law is written and the law was followed. Citizens were reminded if they have any issues concerning the law and police that they need to contact the chief of police first to file any complaints, or just to bring it to his attention. Then the issues can be dealt with and documented.

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, Elston, yea, Clark, yea. Motion passed.

1. Minutes of the regular City Council meeting, held March 2, 2026
2. Minutes of the regular Committee of the Whole meeting, held March 16, 2026
3. Minutes of the special Committee of the Whole meeting, held March 30, 2026
4. Authorization for the Payment of Bills
5. Financial Reports for the month ending February 28, 2026

CITY ADMINISTRATOR/OTHER REPORTS-

City Administrator-Jacki Athey stated there will be a public hearing on April 27, 2026 at 5:30 pm for the FY27 budget. Voting will follow in the council meeting. We will need to add an ordinance to allow the Liquor commissioner to approve special circumstances due to locations next to churches and schools, if that ever comes up. The economic development conference will be held in August and Jacki is requesting to go. CIMOA meeting will be held in Mahomet-please let the office know this week if you wish to attend so they can register. As a reminder-TIF loans cannot be given retroactively-they have to be approved BEFORE any work is started, per state law.

Community Recreation Center Director Rea- No report.

Public Works Director Mixell- Marc stated Spring yard cleanup has gone well. Spring tree removals are done along with trimming also. The John Leon Park reservoir will be treated this week. All of the ballfields have been sprayed.

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Police Chief Tibbetts-Cole Tibbetts said the vendor is going to send some of the shields for them to try. Processing ordinances has been keeping them busy. Complaints are being managed when reported, and there have been multiple FOIA's to complete.

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 has been working with -MG Engineering out of Effingham to work on the Prairie Fire subdivision.

Other report-Chris Elston has found another train tracking application that is cheaper and easy to integrate with our systems. There is a grant available for a 20% match for use countywide, so he wants to contact Douglas county for input.

BUSINESS

1. **Resolution No. 2026-R01—A Resolution Waiving the Formal Bidding Requirements and Accepting a Quote for Richman Park Ball Diamond 3 (CU lighting of ball field in FY27)** - Alderman Fulk gave the first motion to support the resolution, and Alderman Elston gave the second. Roll Call: Taylor-Sanford, yea, Fulk, yea, Elston, yea, Clark, yea. Motion passed.
2. **IDOT Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code (Regarding CY26)** -Alderman Elston motioned to approve the highway code maintenance. Alderman Taylor-Sanford seconded the motion. Roll Call: Taylor-Sanford, yea, Fulk, yea, Elston, yea, Clark, yea. Motion passed.
3. **Approve annual transfer from LSTF to General Fund (\$105,853)** Alderman Elston motioned to approve the LSTF Transfer to General Fund. Alderman Fulk seconded the motion. Roll Call: Taylor-Sanford, yea, Fulk, yea, Elston, yea, Clark, yea. Motion passed.
4. **Approve annual transfer from CTF to General Fund (\$60,000)** Alderman Elston motioned to approve the transfer of funds from CTF to General Fund. Alderman Fulk seconded the motion. Roll Call: Taylor-Sanford, yea, Fulk, yea, Elston, yea, Clark, yea. Motion passed.
5. **Approve TIF grant request from Villa Grove Schools (\$10,000)** Alderman Taylor-Sanford motioned to approve the TIF grant from VG Schools. Alderman Elston seconded the motion. Roll Call: Taylor-Sanford, yea, Fulk, yea, Elston, yea, Clark, yea. Motion passed.
6. **Approve TIF Extension Request from Tri-City Country Club** Alderman Elston motioned to approve the TIF extension request for Tri City Country Club until August. Alderman Fulk seconded the motion. Roll Call: Taylor-Sanford, yea, Fulk, yea, Elston, yea, Clark, yea. Motion passed.
7. **Approve four new plat surveys completed by Rankin Land Surveying** Alderman Elston motioned to approve the new plat surveys. Alderman Taylor-Sanford seconded the motion. Roll Call: Taylor-Sanford, yea, Fulk, yea, Elston, yea, Clark, yea. Motion passed.

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- 8. Approve 2026 annual agreement with Pyrotecnico Fireworks Inc** Alderman Fulk motioned to approve the 2026 contract with Pyrotecnico Fireworks, Inc. Alderman Taylor-Sanford seconded the motion. Roll Call: Taylor-Sanford, yea, Fulk, yea, Elston, yea, Clark, yea. Motion passed.

- 9. Approve purchase of roller and trailer for PW** Alderman Taylor-Sanford motioned to approve the purchase of trailer and roller for public works dept. Alderman Elston seconded the motion. Roll Call: Taylor-Sanford, yea, Fulk, yea, Elston, yea, Clark, yea. Motion passed.

- 10. Approve purchase of light tower for FD** Alderman Fulk motioned to approve purchase of a light tower for VGFD. Alderman Taylor-Sanford seconded the motion. Roll Call: Taylor-Sanford, yea, Fulk, yea, Elston, abstained, Clark, yea. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT-With no further business, Alderman Elston motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 pm. Alderman Fulk seconded the motion. Roll Call: Taylor-Sanford, yea, Fulk, 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