

**Minutes
Regular City Council Meeting
and Public Hearing Meeting
April 27, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER-ROLL CALL-PUBLIC HEARING

The City Council of the City of Villa Grove met in a Public Hearing on **Monday, April 27, 2026**, in Council Chambers. Mayor Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 5:30 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, and PW Mixell were present.

AGENDA

1. **Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Hearing**-This hearing was for discussion only by the council with the general public to answer any questions on the Budget for the new fiscal year. There was no voting action taken at this hearing. There were no public attendees at the meeting and no discussion was conducted.

ADJOURNMENT-With no further business, Alderman Elston motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 pm. Alderman Fulk seconded the motion. Roll Call: Taylor-Sanford, yea, Fulk, yea, Elston, yea, Clark, yea. Motion passed.

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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 April 13, 2026
2. Financial Reports for the month ending March 31, 2026

CITY ADMINISTRATOR/OTHER REPORTS-

City Administrator-Jacki Athey stated the contract for the lights has been created. The bonus payments for longevity employees went out to the 2 qualified people. The MFT Bid will have a May 14 opening. We received an email from a citizen about some claims of damage, and the budget was completed to enable a vote tonight.

Community Recreation Center Director Rea- No report.

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Public Works Director Mixell- Marc stated the first spraying at the reservoir was today for reduction/prevention of algae. Harrison Park restroom is now working, as is Henson Park restrooms, too. The new roller has been received and will be put in use very soon for doing alleys and other spots that are on the list. Limbs were down around town from the storm that was earlier this morning and they worked on cleaning those up all day.

Police Chief Tibbetts- Chief Cole Tibbetts discussed the use of electric scooters and the laws in place for who can operate them. Currently, state law only allows those who are 18 years old or older to operate electric scooters and bikes under the vehicle code. Since these are regulated already under the vehicle code, the IML does not recommend creating ordinances to handle these situations. The police have been working on the tall grass ordinance violation notices this week also.

Mayor-Mayor Rasmussen received a call from the Arrow Ambulance director who complimented the VG Fire Department members who helped recently with a medical case. He was thankful for their help and was impressed on how they handled it. Rasmussen also stated the Freedom Celebration needs volunteers (June 27). Also, Arrow Ambulance has asked if their crew members can be allowed access to the storm shelter at the community building when needed, and the mayor gave them permission to do so.

Other report-Chris Elston reached out to others in the county about the train notification application but no one else was interested, so this issue will not be moving forward.

BUSINESS

1. **Ordinance No. 2026-MC03 – An Ordinance Approving the City of Villa Grove Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2027 (Commonly Known as the “FY27 BUDGET ORDINANCE”)** -Alderman Hooker motioned to support the FY27 budget ordinance. Alderman Nieto gave the second motion. Roll Call: Taylor-Sanford, yea, Fulk, yea, Nieto, yea, Elston, yea, Clark, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion passed.
2. **Ordinance No. 2026-MC04 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 111 of the City of Villa Grove Municipal Code to Authorize the Local Liquor Commissioner to Grant Distance Requirement Exemptions for the Retail Sale of Alcoholic Liquor** -Alderman Elston motioned to approve Ordinance 2026-MC04. Alderman Taylor-Sanford seconded the motion. Roll Call: Taylor-Sanford, yea, Fulk, yea, Nieto, yea, Elston, yea, Clark, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion passed.
3. **Resolution R02 for America 250** -Alderman Elston motioned to approve Resolution R02. Alderman Nieto seconded the motion. Roll Call: Taylor-Sanford, yea, Fulk, yea, Nieto, yea, Elston, yea, Clark, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion passed.
4. **Tree list approval and ordinance creation** -Alderman Fulk motioned to approve the creation of an approved tree list for the city and creation of the ordinance for such. Alderman Elston seconded the motion. Roll Call: Taylor-Sanford, yea, Fulk, yea, Nieto, yea, Elston, yea, Clark, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion passed.

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5. **Approve change of financial software to Sage Cloud**-Alderman Taylor-Sanford motioned to approve the TIF grant from VG Schools. Alderman Elston seconded the motion. Roll Call: Taylor-Sanford, yea, Fulk, yea, Nieto, yea, Elston, yea, Clark, yea, Hooker, yea. Motion passed.
6. **Approve 3-year audit services proposal**-Alderman Hooker motioned to approve using a new company for the audit-Gilbert, Metzger, and Morgan from Charleston, IL. Alderman Elston 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 was needed.

ADJOURNMENT-With no further business, Alderman Elston motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 pm. Alderman Hooker 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