

Minutes for the Village of Cerro Gordo

October 19, 2009

The monthly meeting of the Mayor and Board of Trustees was held on Oct. 19, 2009 at 231 East South Street. Those in attendance were: Mayor Lyle Shoraga, Trustees Brad Williams, Dennis Ridgeway, Mick Tirpak, Ron Price, and Shamarie Allen. Also present were Atty. Colette McCarty, D.P.W. Rob Bratton, P.C. Pat Carter, Treasurer Cris Perry, and Clerk Linda Ash. Trustee Carol Huff was absent.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm. No one signed up for the public forum.

Claims Report

The Verizon bill needs to be paid and Glass Specialty will need to be corrected. Liability insurance through II. Municipal League is up \$1049.21. Motion to approve claims made by Trustee Williams, second Ridgeway, all yeas.

Treasurer's Report

Financials – No CD's due until next year. A credit collector talked to Cris about setting up an account with the Village. The financial committee will discuss this and report at the next meeting. Motion to approve the financial report made by Trustee Williams, second Price, all yeas.

Director of Public Works

The house at the corner of Franklin St. and S. Washington has been torn down. Special thanks to Dave Rawlings and Dick Buckley for their work on this project. Changed the filters at the sewer plant. Getting things ready for winter. The plows and trucks are ready.

Chief of Police Report

Department reports for Cerro Gordo – 101 calls for the month. The Cisco reports shows \$580 for the month. Estimate to have the car window replace is \$700.00

R. West conducted a safety check at Quality Apartments and found many that did not have fire alarms or carbon monoxide alarms. Pat can contact the owner and pass this information on to her.

Old Business

Edwards plant-treasurer, attorney, and state's attorney will meet to discuss the building the week of Nov.2 S. Adams property-could be a test case. Colette can prepare a civil summons and then wait to see what the judge will do.

Drainage – Mayor Shoraga met with two property owners. Their preference was for tile and opposed to open drainage. Next step is to look at some drawings-scope. Tom will work up some specs, cost. Lyle also talked to members of the drainage district. Their concern was that they are not familiar with the plan. A special meeting will be held Nov. 2 at 7:00 pm to further discuss the drainage project.

No grant announcements have been made yet. If nothing is heard by October/November, then we will have to wait until February.

New Business

Donation to the aquafier group will be tabled for now.

Shamarie asked about partnership cards from Casey's to help fund the skate park. The Village cannot sell these but a non-profit group can. Shamarie will bring it up to the regional development committee. She has also been working on the commons area to come up with a plan to clean it up. They would like to remove some bushes, put up a pergola, set up a message center, list of Village past presidents, and more benches.

Trustees Report

Trustee Ridgeway talked to Pat concerning ordinances.

Trustee Tirpak reported a light out at the end of N. Madison St. Wanted to know why the golf cart ordinance wasn't changed yet. The police were waiting for a traffic safety study on Rt 32 by Casey's. Also, every time an ordinance is changed, it has to be published and then wait 10 days until it can go into effect. Mick emphasized that nothing was getting done but all he had to do was make a motion to change the golf cart ordinance and put it to a vote. Failing to do so, Trustee Ridgeway made a motion that the time limit be extended to 10:30pm and a suspension restriction of 22" from the floorboard. Tirpak second, all yeas. Mick also had concerns about the parking in front of KV Apartments. He would like to see them park on the North side of apartments and not on the West side-Jefferson St. This is turned over to the street committee and they are responsible for contacting Mr. Austin.

Mayor's Report

Nov.11 (Veterans Day) will be celebrated at the Cerro Gordo High School with activities beginning at 8:30am. The public is invited to attend.

The mayor also received the water rate analysis from Clancy and Associates. It is available for anyone to look at.

A special meeting will be held on Nov. 2, 2009 at 7:00 pm to discuss drainage and sign the golf cart ordinance.

No further business came before the board and the meeting adjourned on a motion by Trustee Ridgeway, second Williams, all yeas.

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