

Minutes for the Village of Cerro Gordo

Sept. 19, 2011

The monthly meeting of the President and the Board of Trustees met on Monday, Sept. 19, 2011 at 7:00 pm in the Village Hall located at 231 E. South St in Cerro Gordo. Those present are: President Brad Williams, Trustees Tim Allen, Dennis Ridgeway, Mick Tirpak, Dick Seitz, Mike Gross, and Mike Martin. Also present were Atty. Susan Nicholas, P.C. Pat Carter, D.P.W Mark Blickensderfer, and Clerk Linda Ash. Treasurer Cris Perry was absent.

The meeting was called to order and a public forum was held. R. West commented on the progress of the pond being built. He also asked about the possibility of the fire department working with the Village on installing a dry hydrant. This could be used to fill fire trucks in case of a fire instead of draining the water tower. The cost would be close to \$2500. A committee will be formed to look at the project. There will be no maintenance once a pipe is installed. Trustees Ridgeway and Tirpak will work with Randy on this.

Consent Agenda

Additions to claims are Wayne Manufacturing(Christmas decorations) and RSNLT(attorney fees). Motion to approve the consent agenda made by Trustee Gross, second Allen. Roll call: Trustees Allen, Ridgeway, Tirpak, Seitz, Gross, and Martin, all yeas.

Water Adjustments

Three adjustments were presented, CG United Methodist Church, P. Welch, and R Woolen, all have been signed and leaks fixed. Motion to approve made by Trustee Ridgeway, second Seitz, all yeas.

Unfinished Business

- A. TIF No report
- B. 115 S. Adams St. The home has a new owner and will be torn down. Utilities have been notified for disconnection. Table any action for now.
- C. Codification of Ordinances-Still on track for October completion.
- D. Demo fees-Tabled
- E. Drainage The engineers will finalize plans this week and get bid specs ready for publication. Need four easements yet from the drainage district area. The drainage district has a new lawyer and he has asked for the final plans of this project. Susan will take them to him. Trustee Tirpak asked about grids on the intake and outlet valves.
- F. Old Ameren building-Ameren is trying to find a company that will tear down the building. Some concerns about the underground storage tank. Still in progress.
- G. Allen Williams land contract To be discussed in closed session.

New Business

- A. Zoning Recommendations The zoning board met on Sept. 6 at two locations. The first location was at the lot on the corner of Franklin and Washington Streets. Habitat for Humanity owns the lot. They had asked for a variance on the side lot size. The board also noted that it would help if improvements were marked on the lot and all property pins need to be located and marked. These issues can be addressed in the zoning ordinance.

The other variance hearing was at 116 W North. Mr. Helm asked for a 2 foot variance but the board says he needs a variance for the north side of his property also. His options are to reapply for a variance, file an amended variance or have the board vote on it as is with the understanding that he will need another variance. The board approves a five foot variance from the property line. The board suggests amending his

request to the zoning board of appeals. Vote on Habitat site-Motion by Trustee Tirpak second Allen to allow the variance at this property. Roll call: Trustees Allen, Ridgeway, Tirpak, Seitz, Gross, and Martin, all yeas. Hold recommendation for Helm.

- B. Waiver of variance fee for Habitat – Larry McClure, representing Habitat for Humanity, asked the Board to consider waiving the variance fee of \$150. Motion by Trustee Ridgeway, second Allen to waiver this fee, all yeas.
- C. Ordinance 561-2011 next month
- D. Identity policy-finalized last month
- E. Gas Franchise Ord. Currently the Village receives 5000 therms of gas every year. Ameren no longer does this. They could give us the cash equivalent which is approximately \$2,300 a year with a 10/20 year contract. They said they would not adjust for inflation but they do for other large towns.
- F. Telephone franchise The Village is supposed to receive five(5) free phone lines. We will need to get the application from the phone company.
- G. Sidewalks to Dollar General A 5 ft wide sidewalk to Dollar General would cost between \$40-\$60,000. This is not within budget.
- H. Ordinance violations-tabled for now

A closed session has been called, 120/2 C-1, personnel, 120/2 C-5 purchase of property, and 120/2 C-11 litigation at 8:00 pm by Trustee Seitz, second Martin, all yeas.

A motion was entered at 8:47 to return to regular session on a motion by Trustee Seitz, second Allen. A motion was made by Trustee Seitz, second Allen, to enter into an agreement with Allan Williams to purchase property where the pond is being built. The purchase is for the completed pond and road to the site at a cost of \$227,000. Roll call: Trustees Allen, Ridgeway, Tirpak, Seitz, Gross, and Martin, all yeas. The board has received a thank you note from the Senior Citizens transportation board for the donation to their program.

Trustees Report

Trustee Martin Lincoln Street. The area has been dug up and shot for elevations. Materials have been ordered. Mark will be trenching in the tile. Ron Price cannot work for the Village as he has no insurance. There were no other trustee reports. A motion was filed at 8:53 by Trustee Ridgeway to adjourn, Tirpak second, all yeas.

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