

Minutes for the Village of Cerro Gordo
Sept. 16, 2013

The monthly meeting of the Mayor and Board of Trustees met at 6:00 pm on Monday, Sept. 16, 2013 with the following members present: Mayor Brad Williams, Trustees Tim Allen, Terry Marvin, Jeff Powers, Dick Seitz, Mike Gross, and Mike Martin. Also present were Atty. Colette McCarty, D.P.W. Mark Blickensderfer, P.C. Pat Carter, Treasurer Stacy Henderson, and Clerk Linda Ash.

The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Public Forum

C. Eads was present and gave a brief history lesson on the fire ordinance and stated it had not been changed since it was passed.

Consent Agenda

Have not received this month's statement from the attorney's office and will pay that as soon as it arrives. \$954 bill for Visa includes 2 park swings and some equipment from Hach and USA Blue Book for the water and sewer department. No further discussion on items from the consent agenda and a motion to approve all was made by Trustee Gross, second Seitz. Roll call: Allen, Marvin, Powers, Seitz, Gross, and Martin, all yeas.

Water Adjustments

There are 3 adjustments this month. All have signed their forms and all leaks have been fixed. Motion to approve made by Trustee Seitz, second Marvin, all yeas.

Unfinished Business

- A. Drainage-table for now
- B. Appointment of Zoning Board Member. Trustee Gross brought the name of James Bleavins to the Board. James is willing to serve. A motion was then made by Trustee Gross to appoint James Bleavins to the Zoning Board for a term of seven years, second Powers, all yeas.
- C. Pavers Permit. Colette is looking for something not as complicated as the sample we had. Table for now.
- D. Fire Ordinance Modification. The current ordinance states that all fires have to be out by 6:00. There is no distinction for a recreational fire. The ordinance committee would like to modify the time to 11:00 pm with the following additions: e.-no green grass fires allowed, and f,-to be responsive of wind direction when burning. If all agree on concept Colette will bring a draft ordinance to the next board meeting in October.
- E. House located at 308 N. Madison. The first plan for demolition fell through but the home owners are working on another deal. If this falls through, they will demolish the house.
- F. Part-time Police Officer. The man the Village was going to hire took a job with the Sullivan police force so we will start again.

New Business

- A. Bill from Shambaugh for reseeding property. This was supposed to have been done by Entlers as it was part of the easement agreement. Since the Village is done with Entler's, the Village will reimburse Mr. Shambaugh.
- B. Radios for water department. These radios provide the communication between the wells and the tower. They are failing and cannot get parts to repair them. Contractor suggest we upgrade equipment and hopefully this can be accomplished for under \$10,000. Motion to spend up to \$10,000 and buying an extra radio for the water system was made by Trustee Martin, second Gross. Roll call: Allen, Marvin, Powers, Seitz, Gross, and Martin, all yeas.
- C. Tennis Court Renovations. Park Board member Curt Vulgamott explained what the board would like to see for the tennis courts. The north court is not used much and could be made into 2 junior courts to encourage the youth of the Village to play. Most of this can be accomplished through grants. The south court has some cracks in it, the sealer is wearing out. Nothing major at this time but it does need coated. The park board is looking for a bid for new fencing around the courts also and the basketball court needs resealed also. The ambulance board will be meeting later this week and we will ask for a donation from them as they look to disperse their treasury. The board will table this for now. The company that will do the resealing suggests that the Village set up a maintenance plan on these surfaces. This is the only type of work they do, it is their specialty.
- D. Boulder Sign-new. Royal Neighbors of America made a generous donation to the Village in the amount of \$2,000 to help with another sign for the Village. It will be very similar to the small boulder design that is at the South entrance to town. The Village would like to move the current sign up to the corner of State Highway 105/32 and place a larger one at the south entrance. This is at Orchard Street and Route 105. The larger sign will cost almost \$6,000 to deliver and set. The Village would need to add \$4,000 to the cost. Trustee Martin would like to see if any other organizations in town would like to donate to this. Table for now.
- E. Yearbook Sponsor Ad. It has been some years since anyone approached the Board about a yearbook ad. Trustee Seitz made a motion that the Village place a half page ad with the local yearbook at a cost of \$130, second by Powers, all yeas.
- F. Veteran's Park Plan. Tom Overmyer presented a very rough plan that included some generic plans. Part of this included the U.S flag and service flags and poles for \$10,000. The Village can look at a 5-10 year plan to accomplish this project. \$50,000 has been budgeted for this year. Other cost include shelter material and dock material. Again these are just estimates and include trees, road surfaces, shelter, floating dock. The public grounds committee can go over the plan but it needs input from everyone. Table for now. Trustee Powers asked about T. Shambaugh's 3 lots by the pond and he will sell them for \$48,000.
- G. TNT potential litigation. Closed session 1202 C/11
- H. TNT litigation/arbitration. No action to report.

The Church of the Brethren has asked if the Village would close Durfee Street between Jefferson and Madison Streets for a little family street festival they are planning on Oct. 13 from 3-7 pm.

Trustee Reports

Martin. Saw some sidewalk work was finally being carried out. The deadline for this project is the end of September. The ordinance committee would like a copy of the ordinance book for each committee person. Will find out what the cost of 2 more books will be from Sterling Codifiers.

Seitz. Good to see workers back at the sidewalk project.

Marvin. Asked about some mowing

Mayor Williams reported that the old Edwards Fertilizer plant just north of the railroad tracks has been sold and mowing and cleanup has begun. It has been bought by Lynn Clarkson and Allen Williams and the old buildings will be torn down and a new shed put up. Also, the Village received verbal easements from everyone involved with the sidewalk to Dollar General. The DG building has been sold to some investors in California who want \$500 to study the plan for the final 5 foot of sidewalk to their property. The Village is not paying them this money to benefit the business so as of now, the sidewalk stops short of 5 foot. To complete this project the building owners will have to foot the bill.

No further business to come before the board and a motion to adjourn at 7:10 pm was made by Trustee Seitz, second Gross, all yeas.

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