

Minutes for the Village of Cerro Gordo
March 16, 2015

The monthly meeting of the Mayor and Board of Trustee for the Village of Cerro Gordo met at 6:00 pm on Monday, March 16, 2015. The following members were present: Mayor Brad Williams, Trustees Tim Allen, Terry Marvin, Jeff Powers, Dick Seitz, Mike Gross, and Mike Martin. Also present were Atty. Colette McCarty, PWD Mark Blickensderfer, PC Pat Carter, Treasurer Stacy Henderson, and Clerk Linda Ash.

The meeting was called to order and the pledge recited.

Public Forum

E. Eads was at the meeting and asked about some improvements for the handicap parking in front of the restaurant. The Grounds committee can look at the curbing there and see if that is a feasible plan.

S. Wells owns a house on Madison Street that gets quite a lot of water in the basement. There may be a plugged pipe under the house. Village engineer Tom Overmyer suggested a stand pipe be installed in the basement to help with the water. Tom and Mark will look into the situation for another solution.

Consent Agenda

There is a minutes correction. The auction that the Village will participate in will be held at the Decatur Park District and not Richalnd as reported.

There are no reserves on the auction and the Village has received an offer of \$1500 for the truck they will be selling. Additions to claims include Decatur Digital Solutions, Homefield Energy, Key Laboratory, and Jennings Implement.

Motion to approve the consent agenda made by Trustee Martin, second Seitz, all yeas.

Water Adjustments

The Housing Authority had a leak-actually a broken toilet. It has been fixed, the form signed. The adjustment id for \$405.71. Motion to approve made by Trustee Gross, second Seitz, all yeas.

Unfinished Business

A. Southside Drainage. Tom has received some bids. The bid opening will be March 19 at 2:00 in the Village Hall. Tom passed out a fact sheet for the project from a federal program which may be an option for water main project. These are low interest loans and if interested Tom can give a report on them.

B. Easements for SS Drainage. All easements have been secured.

C. Authorization to participate in Decatur Park District Auction. The Village will sell the truck at no reserve or has an option to sell it for \$1500. A motion was made by Trustee Seitz to authorize and advertise the truck to be sold at the Decatur Park District auction, second Marvin, all yeas.

New Business

A Summer help hire and wages. Nathan Lawler has worked the past 4 years for the Village and will not be back this year. Mark is looking to hire Ryan Lawler and to keep the wages as they were from last year. He will also retain Cole Blickensderfer and he will move to the top spot. Pay will be \$9.30 and \$9.00 per hour. Motion to approve the hire of Ryan Lawler and keep wages the same was made by Trustee Gross, second Powers.

Jeff Lawyer was at the meeting and reported that gun raffle proceeds will help with the cost of the fireworks for this summer. Fireworks donation will be on the agenda for next month.

Tom Overmyer estimates the cost of the Monroe Street project to be roughly \$25,000. The Village will approach the school to see if they would be willing to fund a portion of the cost. Also the Safe Walks to School is a federal program with up to at least \$100,000. The Village would like to have safe sidewalks in the areas of Franklin Street, Oakley Road, and Westside Drive.

Trustee Report

Trustee Martin asked that the pot holes at Jefferson and Carter Street be fixed.

Trustee Powers was asking about the damaged manhole cover from an accident. We will bill the individual for damages.

Mayors Report

The employees have asked the finance committee to look at the increases in insurance costs. They have gone up considerably. This will be looked at during budget time. Also the FHF liquor request is tentative. The Legion prefers we not allow that they not be able to leave the fenced in area and all sales are on the Legion license so the Village may have to retract their previous statement.

Motion to adjourn and move to closed session to discuss property at 6:55 pm on a motion by Trustee Powers, second Marvin.

Regular session resumes at 7:05pm on a motion by Trustee Martin, second Allen, all yeas.

Mayor Williams had a copy of easement from Allen Williams with the changes he wanted. He has no problem with the changes and the Village can either agree to it or purchase the property in question. This is an 5-8 foot strip. Nothing will be built on this with the exception of maybe a driveway. Crop damage is normal-standard. When putting in line. Also John McRae has a hole in ground where line was put in and this needs to be fixed. Motion to approve easement made by Trustee Gross, second Seitz, all yeas.

No further business came before the board and a motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Allen, second Seitz, all yeas.