

Minutes for the Village of Cerro Gordo  
Aug. 18, 2014

The monthly meeting of the Mayor and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Cerro Gordo met at 6:00 pm on Aug. 18, 2014 in the Village Hall. Those present are: Mayor Brad Williams, Trustees Tim Allen, Terry Marvin, Jeff Powers, Dick Seitz, Mike Gross, and Mike Martin. Also present are Atty. Susan Nicholas, P.C. Pat Carter, PWD Mark Blickensderfer, Treasurer Stacy Henderson, and Clerk Linda Ash.

The meeting was called to order and the pledge recited.

### **Public Forum**

Brandy Blessent was present and asked for an ordinance change. They currently have a calf in their back yard which consists of 2.33 acres. The ordinance states that there are to be no cows in town-have to have 2 acres or more for a horse-but no allowance for cattle. To allow there would have to be an ordinance change. The ordinance could limit to a certain number, certain animals. Suggestion was made to add cows to horse part of ordinance. Table for a month.

Deb Greenwood was present and asked for funds for the Youth League, which maintains the ball diamonds at Gordy Park.

Jody Burns was present and asked for funds to purchase six(6) 8' tables for the Civic Center. These are the molded white plastic tables and are \$80 each at Sams Club. The current tables were bought in 2001 and several have become damaged. Trustee Gross made a motion to purchase six(6) tables at a cost of \$80 each as presented, second Seitz, all yeas.

### **Consent Agenda**

Two bills received today, Flaughter for boiler work, and Ameren. Trustee Gross made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, second Allen, all yeas.

### **Water Adjustments**

C. Shook asked for an adjustment previously. Stacy had to wait 3 months to get an average usage for her. That total adjustment came to \$1111.07. Shook's had been paying on it each month. Motion by Trustee Seitz, second Powers to approve, all yeas.

### **Unfinished Business**

A. Southside Drainage. This is being planned in 2 phases, A & B. With the money coming in for the bonds, the Village should have enough to pay for this project. Cash flow is good so we should go ahead and have the engineer bid out this project for next fall on Phase A. Motion to move forward on Phase A made by Trustee Gross, second Seitz, all yeas.

B. Veterans Park. Table

C. Tennis Courts. No news. Curt is working on some possible grant money and so will table for now.

D. Tapping fees for water. Material cost exceed our current fee. Mark suggest \$1,000 for 3/4 " line and \$1,500 for 1" lines. Go with plastic instead of copper. The Village will define materials, just set rates now.

### **New Business**

A. School Supply Drive. Piatt County Cares helps Piatt County residents with school

supplies and also baby products. They have provided supplies to about 17 CG youth. This is a new program for our area. A donation can be earmarked for use in the Village only. Trustee Gross would like to table this until next month.

B. Snow plow purchase. Table

C. Mower purchase. The JD currently in use is used for mowing along ditches and other areas. It is under budget amount and has a 6" bigger deck. Motion to accept Heath bid for a new John Deere tractor of \$7798.10 made by Trustee Gross, second Seitz. Roll call: Allen, Marvin, Powers, Seitz, Gross, and Martin, all yeas.

D. Drainage for Southside already discussed.

E. Tables for Civic Center. Already resolved.

F. Zoning Discussion with referral to Zoning Board. Someone is looking at the church at the corner of Durfee and Monroe Streets as a group home for developmentally handicap individuals. Currently our zoning does not fit what this individual wants. The zoning board will have to be involved in this. The Village could modify the ordinance on our own, individual could petition for a variance or special use. This information will be referred to the Zoning Board. Mayor Williams will contact the owner and have him attend the Board meeting in September.

G. Seeding around the Pond. S & S will plant trees in the fall, and the Village will have them do the seeding and grading there also. Motion by Trustee Gross to accept S & S bid, second Seitz, all yeas.

### **Trustee Report**

Mike Martin. Defibrillators needed at the Civic Center. They cost about \$1000. Susan will check into this. Also the merry go rounds at the park need painted, and the slide at Gordy Park is broken. Notices that people seem to be abusing the public works department in picking up tree debris. Need a reminder that we are not in the tree removal business.

Terry Marvin. Problem with grass blown out into the street when mowing. There is an ordinance against that, so yes, residents can be ticketed. Pat can have a chat with the offenders. Also discourage burning on the streets.

Tim Allen. Asked if the financial accounts receivable had been straightened out, it has.

Joe Frydedenger was present and told about the repairs he has been making to the old Flaughter building up town. There is a lot of work to be done on it-needs roof, floors. Hopefully in a year it will be something nice to use. He will have an electrician in there soon. He can turn in a budget, time frame and plan to the Village for an application for a business grant.

Tom Overmyer reports that street work begins this week on Wednesday. Patch areas where water leaks were and get prep work done for repaving.

No further business came before the board and a motion to adjourn at 7:30 was made by Trustee Marvin, second Powers, all yeas.