

## **Minutes for the Village of Cerro Gordo**

**May 20, 2013**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the President and Board of Trustees met at 6:00 pm on May 20, 2013. The following members were present: Mayor Brad Williams, Trustees Tim Allen, Dick Seitz, Mike Gross, P.C. Pat Carter, D.P.W. Mark Blickensderfer, and Treasurer Stacy Henderson, Atty. Susan Nicholas, Clerk Linda Ash, and newly elected officials Terry Marvin, Jeff Powers, and Mike Martin.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm and a motion by Trustee Allen, second Gross to adjourn sine-die was made. Roll call: Trustees Allen, Seitz, Gross, all yeas.

Clerk Ash swore in Brad Williams as Mayor for the 2013-2017 term, he in turn swore in Linda Ash as Village Clerk for the 2013-2017 term. At this time Clerk Ash swore in the three newly elected Trustees-Terry Marvin, Jeff Powers, and Mike Martin. Motion to return to session made by Trustee Allen, second Seitz, all yeas.

### **Public Forum**

First on the forum was Jeff Lawyer. Jeff was here to talk about the fireworks display. He has a new supplier called Nostalgia Pyrotechnics based in Illinois. Prices may go up shortly and he needs to know as soon as possible about a fireworks display for the Village.

E. Eads was present and made the statement that a stop sign on Lincoln and Carter street is a waste of effort.

K. Mcdermith, S. Born, and J. Dobson were present with the same complaint- a property in their neighborhood has a vehicle sitting there and has not been moved for over 3 months, weeds growing up all around, grass finally mowed, garbage blowing all over the yards, unsightly. Neighbors feel it is bringing down their property values. Chief Carter will check out the ordinance violations tomorrow. Mayor states we will pursue this.

### **Consent Agenda**

Additions to claims this month include the bill from RSNLT, Rogards-office supplies, Chapman-henricks-bonds for Mayor and Clerk/Notary, and State of Illinois-for Notary. Trustee Martin asked why a bill from Shambaugh was paid when we had problems with them doing the work at the pond. This is a different Shambaugh and the work was for tile work on Franklin Street. There were no further questions about the consent agenda and a motion to approve was made by Trustee Gross, second Seitz. Roll call: Trustees Allen, Marvin, Powers, Seitz, Gross, Martin, all yeas.

No water adjustments were requested.

### **Unfinished Business**

Drainage-to be discussed in closed session.

### **New Business**

- A. Committees. The following committees have been appointed:
  - a. WATER-Mike Gross, Terry Marvin
  - b. FINANCE-Mike Gross, Tim Allen
  - c. STS & ALLEYS-Mike Martin, Terry Marvin

- d. PUBLIC GROUNDS-Dick Seitz, Jeff Powers
  - e. ORDINANCES-Mike Martin, Jeff Powers
  - f. SEWER-Dick Seitz, Tim Allen
  - g. POLICE-Mayor Brad Williams
  - h. FIRE & PUBLIC HEALTH-Entire Board
- B. Accept resignation of C. Evans from Park Board. Motion to do so made by Trustee Allen, second Gross, all yeas.
  - C. Appoint Shamarie Allen to Park Board. Motion to do so made by Trustee Seitz, second Martin, all yeas except Trustee Allen, abstain.
  - D. Special Use Permit for American Legion/SAL for Fathill Fest. Motion to move to Liquor Commission made by Trustee Martin, second Allen, all yeas. Application is in order, all signed and ready to go. Motion to approve special use permit to American Legion for Fathill Fest on June 14 and 15 made by Trustee Seitz, second Gross, all yeas. Motion to return to regular session made by Trustee Allen, second Marvin, all yeas.
  - E. Stop sign Discussion on Lincoln and Carter Streets. There have been several concerns expressed about vision being blocked at this intersection. It only affects traffic traveling West on Carter Street. Many times there are vehicles parked on the boulevard that hinder vision. Speed limits in town are only 20-30 miles per hour. There are also concerns about the lack of stop signs from Orchard Street to Durfee St on the South side of town. Traffic sometimes moves at a high rate of speed. The Mayor cautions that we do not want stop signs every 2 blocks. Ordinance committee can meet and make suggestions regarding this.
  - F. Pay estimate #4 to TNT . Delay for closed session.
  - G. Recommendation of Zoning Board in Regards to fees for fences and pools. Board not ready to give recommendation at this time.
  - H. Ord. 589-2013 Building permit upgrades. Not ready at this time.
  - I. Review of Personnel Policy. Mayor handed out copies of original with some changes. He suggest the Trustees make notations of changes. Has not been upgraded in over 20 years. Table for now.
  - J. Change in Ord for Demolition of Abandoned Property. Finding what we are authorized to do. One home damaged by fire has been torn down, another that was damage over 1 1/2 years ago is in dire disrepair. Has to be inspected by a Health official or Building inspector. Not sure Mark is qualified to give that inspection. May need to be done by an engineer. Table for now.
  - K. Motor Fuel Tax Resolution. Engineer Tom Overmyer and Mark have gone over MFT expenditures for the 2013 calendar year. They have looked at seal coating on Abraham, some radial returns. All has to be filed with the state. Motion to approve MFT budget made by Trustee Seitz, second Allen, all yeas.
  - L. Fireworks Display. The Board heard a presentation last month from Jeff Lawyer. The fairgrounds and board are unofficially on board with the project. A professional display will cost \$5000. If we are going ahead for this year, it needs to be approved tonight. Money is in the budget. This could be a trial run to see how it is received. Board will not spend over \$5000. Could always ask for donations. Trustees stated that years ago when the Village sponsored fireworks, there was also a chicken fry held at the same time. This is an idea if any organization would like to implement it. Any school organization, or civic club-Boosters, Legion groups, Masons, etc. Motion to bring fireworks back to CG made by Trustee Gross and not to exceed \$5000, second Allen, Roll call: Trustees: Allen, Marvin, Powers, Seitz, Gross, and Martin, all yeas.
  - M. Upgrade to sidewalk to Dollar General, the school has given a verbal agreement to an easement, one property owner gave an ok. The school wants the sidewalk away from their parking lot, could incorporate fencing or a berm. The school is going to petition the state for school zone in regards to speed. The

American Legion has given their approval to place the new boulder sign at the South edge of Cerro Gordo. That sign is now in place.

Motion to adjourn and move to closed session 120/2 C-11litigation, made by Trustee Gross at 6:45 pm, second Seitz, all yeas.

Regular session resumes at 7:10 pm on a motion by Trustee Seitz, second Powers, all yeas.

Pay estimate #4 for TNT is recommended by Engineer Tom Overmyer to be paid. Along with that was a change order in the amount of \$20,537.00 that Tom recommends we pay. Motion by Trustee Gross, second Allen to approve change order in amount of \$20,537, all yeas. Motion by Trustee Allen, second Seitz to pay TNT pay estimate # 4 on recommendation of engineer, second Seitz. Roll call: Trustees Allen, Marvin, Powers, Seitz, Gross, and Martin, all yeas.

### **Trustees Report**

Martin-concern over some street patching that needs to be done in front of Clarkson Grain. Also asked about any drainage plans for the south end of town. There are currently no plans for a specific area in place. Pet peeve of seeing grass thrown in street when mowing being done by village employees. Sometimes it is so thick it has to be blown out. Limited personnel and hard keeping up with all the mowing. Also asked about the 3rd squad car and if it is needed. Chief Carter stated that the Village can get rid of the 3rd squad car.

Allen-asked if mowing letters are being sent out.

No further business came before the Board and a motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Gross, second Martin, all yeas.

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Village Clerk 5/20/13