

Minutes for the Village of Cerro Gordo

Aug. 19, 2013

The monthly meeting of the Mayor and the Board of Trustees met at 6:00 pm on Aug. 19, 2013. The following members were present: Mayor Brad Williams, Trustees Tim Allen, Terry Marvin, Jeff Powers, Dick Seitz, Mike Gross, Mike Martin, Atty. Colette McCarty, P.C. Pat Carter, D.P.W Mark Blickensderfer, Treasurer Stacy Henderson, and Clerk Linda Ash.

The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, led by Trustee Terry Marvin.

Public Forum

E. Eads stated the minutes from June 17 in section H should be corrected to 2014 and she didn't know what the zoning committee had to do with section I.

D. Flaughter asked for a donation to the Youth League. The board budgets \$5000 for the Youth League for upgrades to the ball park at Gordy Park. She had a list of repairs that need to be done at Gordy Park.

T. Hyde asked about overnight parking at his RV Park. All he needs to do is write out a request to modify the special use permit.

J. Webb has received 5 tickets for various ordinance violations. His father wants to know why him and not everyone else.

Consent Agenda

All claims are in. The bill from Scotti's Pest Control for \$1000 was for termite control at Gordy Park. Motion by Trustee Gross, second Martin to approve consent agenda. Roll call: Allen, Marvin, Powers, Seitz, Gross, and Martin, all yeas.

Water Adjustments

There were requests for 2 adjustments this month. Both have the problem fixed and signed the appropriate forms. Motion to approve adjustments made by Trustee Gross, second Martin, all yeas.

Unfinished Business

- A. Drainage. There was some drainage done at the West end of alley behind Municipal Building some years ago. We can extend that to the middle of the alley from the Library. This can be done before the alley is paved and by a local contractor for under \$5000. It can be done by Nov 1 if done in a timely fashion. Quint Schambaugh bid the job Motion to proceed with a November 1 deadline made by Trustee Seitz, second Marvin. Roll call: Allen, Marvin, Powers, Seitz, Gross, and Martin, all yeas.
- B. Appointment of Zoning Board Member. Jerry Morris has volunteered to fill the position. Trustee Allen made the motion to approve Morris as a zoning board member, there was no second. The Board will continue to look for a member.

- C. Age for drivers of golf carts. An adaptation to the Golf Cart Ordinance has been made to allow drivers to be 16 years of age instead of 18. Motion to approve Ord. #584-2013 was made by Trustee Gross, second Martin, all yeas.
- D. Revision of Personnel Policy. This involves vacation time for first year employees. Change section A of less than one year to 2 hours vacation time for every 30 days from date of hire to May 1.
- E. Motion by Trustee Gross to revise the Personnel Policy regarding vacation with continuous service less than one year to 2 hours per 30 days from date of hire to end of fiscal year, second Marvin, all yeas.
- F. Pavers Permit. Tabled

New Business

- A. Revocation of Golf Cart registration. Discussion to be held later.
- B. Extension of Municipal Aggregation Contract. Rates are lower and they are putting up another 2 year contract. Need to get in bidding process. Motion to do this made by Trustee Allen, second Martin, all yeas.
- C. Water Tap for Weedman. Kenny Weedman has asked if the Board give him a water tap for his business which is located just North of Dollar General. He has allowed the Village to put a sidewalk across his yard. The cost of a water tap is \$750 and he is also in the TIF District. Motion to approve the tap made by trustee Allen, second Gross. Roll call: Allen, Marvin, Powers, Seitz, Gross, and Martin, all yeas.
- D. Fire Ordinance Modification. According to the Ordinance, all fires have to be out by 6:00. There is no provision for recreational fires. Table for now.
- E. Community Center. With the ambulance closure, the board can donate the building to a not-for-profit organization. One has been formed but the paper work from the state is taking longer than expected. It has been in the process for a year. The Village could accept the building, and have the new organization which is called Cerro Gordo Community Center, run it. It would be a tax exempt property for the Village. Once it is part of the Village, the only way to release it to anyone else would be through an auction. Sept. 30, 2013 is the deadline to donate the building or it could be sold to a private entity. The ambulance service would need a letter from the Village to help secure the building.
- F. 308 N Madison. The owner has indicated that a neighbor is interested in the house. He would give it to the individual and they would be responsible to tear it down.
- G. Donation for Toys for Tots for Piatt County. Holly Dodd has been associated with this organization for many years. This is for low income families and runs on donations for kids only. Generally they buy gifts for 400 children-Cerro Gordo has about 40-50 children a year. Would like \$300 for our kids. Trustee Martin made a motion to donate \$300, second Powers. Roll call: Allen, Marvin, Powers, Seitz, Gross, and Martin, all yeas.
- H. Deanne Flaughter-Youth League Donation. The Youth League would like to have the building painted, it has been donated. Currently the Board budgets \$5000 for the Youth League but the finance committee will look to see if more funds can be made available. Motion to approve the

\$5000 for the Youth League made by Trustee Powers, second Martin. Roll call: Allen, Marvin, Powers, Seitz, Gross, and Martin, all yeas.

- I. Hiring part time police officer. This will be discussed in closed session
- J. Pricing Proposal from Good Energy. Our original application did not include businesses and large users. Bids on providing municipal power are being put together. This will be a 24 month program. Supplier will be American Energy-potential savings of \$4700 a year. Motion by Trustee martin to accept the 2 year contract effective Aug. 20, 2013, second Gross, all yeas

Golf Cart Registration Revocation. Under the ordinance, there is an enforcement provision and requires that the person involved be present. Each party has 15 minutes to present information as to why or why not the registration should be revoked. The Board will deliberate in closed session after the hearing and a recommendation will be made in open session, along with a letter sent to the individual. Joe Schultz will speak for his side of the conflict, Chief Pat Carter will explain information he has accumulated.

Pat reports the following offenses occurred on July 12,2013-disobeying a stop sign,on Aug. 30-damage to a corn field belonging to Allen Williams, on June 19, with another person driving, crossed State Highway 105 to go to Casey's, and on July 17, disobeyed a stop sign and crossed the train tracks at a pedestrian crosswalk. There have been several calls involving this person and the golf cart also. Chief Carter is asking the Board to revoke the license so the golf cart cannot be used on Village streets. W. Webb stated that someone else was with Joey Webb at all times and encouraged Joey in these actions. He has paid all of his tickets. Atty McCarty states that the Board can suspend the person's ability to drive the golf cart. All citations involve Joey Webb and his friends. The board will consider revoking Joey Webb's authority to drive the golf cart and all rules of operation, registration, and equipment will be observed by the owners of the cart-Wayne and Julia Webb. Parents agree with the suspension, along with Chief Pat Carter. The Boards views-Trustee Seitz agree with the suspension of the driver, Trustee Gross says his actions have put a bad light on all golf cart drivers, Trustee Martin agrees with suspension, Trustee Allen has no comment, Trustee Marvin states he should be more careful in picking his friends, Trustee Powers states the suspension for one year but if he's driving before the year is up, then a permanent suspension is in order.

The Board moved to closed session 120/2 C-11 litigation, 120/2 C-4 concerning the golf cart revocation, and 120/2 C-1 personnel at 7:30 pm on a motion by Trustee Marvin, second Seitz, all yeas.

Regular session resumes at 8:00 on a motion by Trustee Gross, second Allen, all yeas.

Motion made by Trustee Gross to revoke the driving privileges of Joey Webb to operate a golf cart in the Village of Cerro Gordo effective Aug. 20, 2013 for one year, second Seitz, all yeas.

Motion by Trustee Martin to hire David Cook as a part-time police officer for the Village of Cerro Gordo pending passage of mandatory finger print at \$12.30 an hour, second Gross, all yeas.

Motion by Trustee Gross to accept change order #6 which is a \$778.81 reduction in cost, second Powers, all yeas.

Trustees Report

Trustee Martin commented on the number of community service workers the Village has had recently. He also stressed his displeasure of grass cuttings thrown all over the streets along with garbage cans left along the roadways.

Trustee Powers commented on the design for a Veterans Memorial at the pond. He suggests possibly buying some of the property around the pond or possibly a donation by the landowner.

Trustee Marvin asked about grant money. The Village tries every year for the water mains. The grants are allowed mostly on need and depending on how you look at it, the Village need isn't as great as other towns.

The Board also received a thank you letter from the post prom committee for our donation. No further business came before the board and Trustee Gross made a motion to adjourn at 8:10 pm, second Seitz, all yeas.

Village Clerk 8/19/13