

Minutes for the Village of Cerro Gordo

January 16, 2012

The monthly meeting of the Mayor and the Board of Trustees for the Village of Cerro Gordo met at 7:00 pm on Monday, January 16, 2012. The following members were present: Mayor Brad Williams, Trustees Tim Allen, Dennis Ridgeway, Mick Tirpak, Dick Seitz, Mike Gross, and Mike Martin. Also present were Atty. Susan Nicholas, P.C. Pat Carter, D.P.W. Mark Blickensderfer, Treasurer Stacy Henderson, and Clerk Linda Ash.

The meeting was called to order. No one signed up for the public forum and the first order of business was the consent agenda. The monthly bills for Ameren, Frontier and RSNLT have not arrived to date and the clerk would like to pay them as they are received. Motion to approve the consent agenda was made on a motion by Trustee Gross, second Tirpak. Roll call: Trustees Allen, Ridgeway, Tirpak, Seitz, Gross, and Martin, all yeas. There was one water adjustment request from Evelyn Proctor. They have had a leak and it has been fixed. Motion to approve request made by Trustee Ridgeway, second Seitz, all yeas.

Unfinished Business

- A. Codification There are some sample ordinances that could or could not be added. These mostly concern minors, fireworks, graffiti. The Village follows county regulations in regards to fireworks. After a brief discussion, the board decided they did not want to include these ordinances. Still working on the mobile home/modular home issue. This needs to be cleaned up. Also the animal ordinance needs to be improved so it would be easier to impose violations. Will need rabies verification for village tags.
- B. Awarding of Shoreline Treatment Bid Motion made by Trustee Ridgeway to accept the low bid from Shambaugh Excavating in the amount of \$23,400.00 without fabric, \$25,355.00 with fabric. Second by Trustee Tirpak, roll call: Allen, Ridgeway, Tirpak, Seitz, Gross, and Martin, all yeas.
On another note, tile work at the sewer outlet in the field North of County Line Road had been damaged by Shambaugh workers. Burdick has been in and fixed this but the Village has not received a bill for it yet. The board feels Shambaugh should pay for the damage.
- C. Franklin Street lift station pump. The pump is still being worked on There is a Scott air pack at the sewer plant that has never been used. The fire extinguisher company is responsible for servicing this item and if the Village is not going to use them, they(the fire extinguisher company) would like a letter of subjugation from the Village. Susan will check with the department of labor. These are used in case of a chlorine leak, in which case Mark would call the fire department.

New Business

- A. IMRF Resolution Needs to be revised. Susan will talk to the IMRF representative and table resolution for now.
- B. No audit report yet
- C. Entler contract The Board would like to close the Entler contract and retain \$40,000 of final payment. Dennis Cummins, Mayor Williams, and an Entler representative need a meeting to discuss the sewer line elevation being off and the fiber optic line damage. Entler has not asked the Village to finalize the project. If the Village pursues, they could end up owing the Village a large amount of money to fix the elevation issues and the late penalties for not completing the project. There are also two property owners whose problems they have not rectified. Entler will need to pay these people also. The sewer fix is not that difficult.
- D. Performance bonus for the collector. Trustee Tirpak said it was not legal to pay as a clerk. That is why it will be paid to the collector. A motion was made by Trustee Allen to give the collector a one-time bonus of \$2500 for outstanding service for the past 90 days. Second by Trustee Ridgeway. Roll call: Trustees Allen, Ridgeway, Seitz, Gross, and Martin all yeas, Tirpak, nay.

- E. FOIA Training All trustees need to take the FOIA and Open Meetings Act training that is available through the State's Attorney's web site. This must be done every year.
- F. Closed Session- review closed session minutes. A motion was entered by Trustee Ridgeway to move to closed session for the purpose of reviewing closed session minutes for release at 7:40 pm. Second by Trustee Allen, all yeas.
Regular session resumes on a motion by Trustee Gross, second Seitz, to resume regular session at 7:45 pm, all yeas.
- G. DNR-Department of Natural Resource Mike Yardhouse was here to give the Village options and advise about stocking the pond for future recreational use. He informed the Board that high algae control is safe for the fish and all herbicide has to be applied by a licensed applicator. If the Village signs an agreement with the DNR, they will check the pond, help set up regulations, stock the pond. They will assign a water number, the DNR gets reimbursed by the federal government so there is no cost to the Village. It will take a good 2 years for any of the fish to be keepers. When ready it will be a "catch and release" operation. Susan sees no problem with the contract. Motion by Trustee Gross, second Seitz, to sign contract with DNR, all yeas. Mr. Yardhouse will need a contact person. The DNR prefers to wait until the fall to stock the pond.

Trustees report

Trustee Tirpak state there is a street light out at the corner of Madison and Durfee.

Trustee Allen states GPS systems not in squad cars yet. He would like to see a monthly print out of when officers are on duty. The GPS system for the squad cars will take more work as they have to be hard wired in. PW systems just plug in. Also, this is a month to month trial basis. The Board has the option to discontinue at any time.

There has been some discussion as to the naming of the new pond. If anyone has any suggestion let the Mayor know. Originally thought to name it after the land owner. Allen Williams states he does not want it named after him. Mayor Williams suggested Griswold Pond after the original name of the Village.

No further business to discuss and the board adjourned at 8:15 on a motion by Trustee Gross, second Seitz, all yeas.

Village clerk 1/16/12