

Minutes for the Village of Cerro Gordo

March 19, 2012

The monthly meeting of the Mayor and the Board of Trustees met on March 19, 2012 at 231 E. South Street. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm with the following personnel 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. A public forum was held in which 2 residents spoke, one about the rash of break-ins, debris at Adams and Durfee Street-from house remodel, and one a thank you for the drainage work done on Lincoln Street.

Consent Agenda

There have been some additions to the claims report. A bill was received from Burdick for the sewer tile repair. A copy of the bill will be sent to Shambaugh along with a request for restitution. They did not call J.U.L.I.E. before digging.

Also a new distributor has been found for wood chips for the parks. A truck load has been ordered and should arrive soon. Pat had the squad car in for an exhaust manifold crack. Officer Tuttle was involved in a minor accident. Piatt County was called in to make the report. A dog that was running loose was hit. The owner would like the Village to pay for vet bills. The GPS system has been installed on the cars.

Sidewalk repairs have started.

Motion to approve the consent agenda made by Trustee Gross, second Martin. Roll call: Trustees Allen, Ridgeway, Tirpak, Seitz, Gross, and Martin, all yeas.

Water Adjustment

Three adjustments have been requested. All have been signed. One was a line leaking from the pit to the house and the other 2 were toilets running. Motion to approve made by Trustee Ridgeway, second Tirpak, all yeas.

Unfinished Business

- A. Code of Ordinances. Waiting on the zoning ordinance. The zoning board approved it and recommends the Board of Trustees adopt it.
- B. Zoning Ordinance 566-2012 Motion to adopt the zoning ordinance for the Book of Ordinances made by Trustee Ridgeway, second Seitz, all yeas.

New Business

- A. Rodd Runyen Post prom donation. Rodd was at the meeting asking for a donation for Post Prom. The class is going to Mattoon to the YMCA. The Board has in the past, given donations of \$500-\$1000. Trustee Ridgeway made a motion to donate \$500, second Allen. Roll call: Trustees Allen, Ridgeway, Tirpak, Seitz, Gross, and Martin, all yeas.

Also Deanne Flaughner was present to ask the Board to remember the Youth League when they figure the budget for the 2012-13 fiscal year. They will be erecting permanent batting cages and need to do some other repairs.

Lori Heatherton was present and requested a donation for Fathill Fest for the coming year. In 2010 the board donated \$2000, last year \$1000. The focus on Fathill Fest this year is the kids. It will be held June 15,16. There are some power issues that will need to be addressed for the bands and all their equipment. A generator has been suggested. Last year money was made on the inflatables. Trustee Martin made a

motion to donate \$1500, second Tirpak. Roll call: Trustees Allen, Ridgeway, Tirpak, Seitz, Gross, and Martin, all yeas.

The board moved to closed session at 7:40 for the audit report 120-2 C-25 on a motion by Trustee Allen, second Ridgeway, all yeas.

Regular session resumed at 8:18 on a motion by Trustee Gross, second Seitz, all yeas.

- B. Audit Auditor Kevin Buckley passed out bound copies of the audit. Page 7 shows revenues up, reduced expenses.

Drainage- Engineer Dennis Cummins has had a discussion with Entler. They offered \$10,000 for uncompleted work, the Village declined that offer. This can go to arbitration. Entler has never submitted a letter of completion on the project or asked for final payment. The contract adopted arbitration rules. The Village can ask for all penalties to be paid and have the sewer line fixed. The board will move to the true cost to fix this problem plus penalties and forward that amount to Entlers. The Board will proceed with arbitration.

Final bid documents are ready for the drainage project.

- C. Multi-County Hazard Plan Tabled for now
- D. CPR for PD Lori Heatherton is a certified trainer and has offered to train the officers in CPR at no cost to the Village.
- E. Purchase defibrillators-could have impact on tort immunity. Susan will check into liability issues. Lori Heatherton is a first-aid trainer also. Table for now.
- F. Agreement between School and Village concerning reporting criminal offenses- this would be very specific information between the school and the police department. Most districts already have this in place. Motion to approve agreement made by Trustee Seitz, second Martin, all yeas.
- G. Boulevard Ordinance-Susan could not find in the ordinances where boulevard is defined. Boulevard issues deal with safety and visibility. Some boulevards are described as easements and some as ownership. Table for now.
- H. Sidewalk Ordinance 565-2012 Deals with the removal or damage to sidewalks. Motion by Trustee Seitz, to approve, second Allen. Roll call: Trustees Allen, Ridgeway, Seitz, Gross, Martin, all yeas, Tirpak, nay.

There has been some recent discussion concerning the water line to Ted Shambaugh's house on the Oakley Blacktop road. This has been over owning the line as per agreement. Ted has no problem with owning the line. The Village will have to modify the agreement to Shambaugh or get a new agreement. Shambaugh will pay for all cost with little cost to the Village.

Barry Cripe has sent a letter of resignation to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion to accept Barry's resignation with regret made by Trustee Gross, second Tirpak, all yeas. Recommend E.J. Allen to the zoning Board for a period of 5 years. Motion to approve appointment of E.J. Allen made by Trustee Seitz, second Martin. Roll call Trustees Allen, abstain, Ridgeway, Tirpak, Seitz, Gross, and Martin all yeas.

Trustees Report

MikeMartin-on committee for rip rap at pond. Would like to see project completed. Also wanted to know who was responsible for alleys. The one between Monroe and Madison Street needs work.

Trustee Gross wants to know more about the GPS systems, what we pay, what it accomplishes and why they were installed. It cost \$23.95 per unit, gives a report if an employee is driving too fast, where vehicles are, and such. So far it has been used to defend village employees. This service can be canceled anytime.

Trustee Seitz asked about sidewalks. Work is being done and any billing must be received before April 16, 2012 to be paid in this fiscal year.

Trustee Allen asked about the payment agreement drawn up by the Village concerning ever due water bills. That is not to be used any more. Water shut off policy will be set and stay with it.

No further business to discuss and a motion to adjourn was entered at 9:30 pm by Trustee Martin, second Gross, all yeas.

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