

Minutes for the Village of Cerro Gordo

June 18, 2012

The monthly meeting of the Mayor and the Board of Trustees met on June 18, 2012 at 7:00 pm in the Village Hall, 231 E. South Street. Those present: Mayor Brad Williams, Trustees Tim Allen, Dennis Ridgeway, Mick Tirpak, Dick Seitz, Mike Gross, and Mike Martin. Also present were Atty. Susan Nicholas, Treasurer Stacy Henderson, P.C. Pat Carter, D.P.W. Mark Blickensderfer and Clerk Linda Ash.

Public Forum

A resident expressed concern over recreational fires late at night especially in these dry conditions. Would like to see fires out at a reasonable time. Chief Carter will look into it.

A resident asked about the height of grass in some yards.

Consent Agenda

Additions to claims are for Ameren IP, John Beiler -roof at Born Park, Arthur Graphic Clarion-to print water report. Motion to approve the consent agenda made by Trustee Ridgeway, second Allen, all yeas.

Water Adjustments

Stacy has none to report. She has started the shut-off list and will get the list to the water committee.

Unfinished Business

- A. Codification of Ordinances-has been sent off for publication
- B. Pond rip-rap. The mayor has talked to Shambaugh. Would be willing to sign a continuance of contract. Pumping the pond will flood the field now Trustee Gross in favor of canceling contract and rebidding it when the tile is in place. Table for now.
- C. Water line agreement with Ted Shambaugh. Susan has a draft of the agreement. This agreement moves the line of ownership. Only the Oakley Brick Church will be allowed to tie into this line. The Village will secure the permits, including the cost of the permits only if Shambaugh needs an EPA permit.
- D. Closed session 120/2 C-11 litigation
- E. Squad car purchase. Table. Pat is looking at a car and the dealership is bring out a new concept car for him to try.
- F. Letter of resignation. Ryan Nuding has turned in a letter of resignation effective June 10, 2012. Motion to accept resignation made by Trustee Gross, second Seitz, all yeas.
- G. Memorials. Policy is in place to proceed. The board is in favor of the idea but needs a plan.

New Business

- A. Liquor license for Casey's and Legion. Motion by Trustee Gross, second Allen to move to liquor commission. Casey's application is in order. Motion by Trustee Ridgeway, second Tirpak to approve license, all yeas. Motion to approve Legion license subject to addition of agents and copy of insurance made by Trustee Allen, second Martin, all yeas. Motion to return to regular session on motion by Trustee Gross, second Martin, all yeas.
- B. Increase in water/sewer rates. Susan has drafted ordinances for water and sewer. Trustee Martin asked about lower rates for seniors. Water Ordinance #571-2012 to take effect for the Aug. 1 billing cycle of July 15 to Aug. 15, motion to approve Trustee Ridgeway, second Seitz. Roll call: Trustees Allen, Ridgeway, Seitz, Gross, and Martin, all yeas, Tirpak, nay. Sewer Ordinance #572-2012 also will take effect for the Aug billing cycle of July 15-Aug 15. Motion to approve made by Trustee Ridgeway, second Allen. Roll

call: Trustees Ridgeway, Allen, Seitz, Gross, and Martin, all yeas, Tirpak nay. This will be a collective increase of 10% on the total bill.

- C. Power consolidation. The bill will still come from IP but supplied from someone else. Consolidating groups of towns will increase buying power. Most major towns have already done this and several more are looking into it. The Village is looking to get a lower rate for our residents. People will need to vote on this in the next general election. If passed, anyone can opt out of the program. This is for a 2 year agreement. Every resident gets to choose to participate or not. Delivery cost will not be effected because it is regulated. There is no cost to implement this. Motion to pass ordinance #570-2012 to put on a referendum on the ballot for November made by Trustee Gross, second Tirpak. Roll call: Trustees Ridgeway, Allen, Tirpak, Seitz, Gross, and Martin all yeas.
- D. Business District. Gene Norber and Julian Jacquinn talked about the possibility of developing a business district. This works from sales tax and not property tax. A study needs to be done, work with a committee to identify projects, funds, create a budget. There will be no joint review board, no state reports and would cost the Village approximately \$30,000 plus any other expenses we may have to get started. EDR will get an agreement ready for the attorney to look over and will put together a proposal.
- E. MFT Budget Budget is in line with last years. Tom has prepared a resolution to budget \$80,000 to send to the state. Motion to approve MFT budget made by Trustee Martin, second Gross. Roll call: Trustees Martin, Gross, Seitz, Tirpak, Ridgeway, and Allen all yeas.
- F. Appropriations Ordinance #568-2012 has to be done every year. Motion to approve #568-2012 made by Trustee Gross, second Seitz, all yeas.
- G. Prevailing Wage Ordinance #569-2012. This too has to be done yearly. Motion to approve Ordinance #569-2012 made by Trustee Gross, Martin, all yeas.
- H. Phoenix Analysis Contract Susan approves contract. Motion to approve made by Trustee Ridgeway, second Gross, all yeas.
- I. Resolution under Public Act 039-0176 Aggregation. This places on the November ballot the question of should the Village of Cerro Gordo have the authority to arrange for the supply of electricity for its residents and small commercial retail customers who have not opted out of such program. Motion to do so made by trustee Ridgeway, Gross, all yeas.

A motion was made to move to closed session by Trustee Gross, second Seitz, all yeas at 9:32p.m. Regular session resumes at 9:58 pm. on a motion bay Trustee Allen, second Gross.

Trustees Report

Trustee Seitz has a bid of \$250/\$300 for trees

Trustee Tirpak is concerned about all the weeds along the football field. The Bower empty lot on Adams Street needs cleaned up also.

Trustee Allen would like to see the time changed for board meetings to either 5:00 or 6:00. This will be placed on the agenda

No further business came before the board and a motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Seitz, second Gross, all yeas at 10:02 pm.

Village Clerk 6/18/12