

Minutes for the Village of Cerro Gordo

Sept. 17, 2012

The monthly meeting of the Mayor and Board of Trustees met at 6:00pm on Sept. 17, 2012. Those present are: 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 at 6:00. New employee Jeff Rawlings was present and introduced himself to the board members.

Public Forum

A resident asked about the bulk water rates which went into effect and also about the neighborhood watch group, if they were going to wear identifying badges or something along those lines.

Scott Bacon was present and talked to the board about his neighborhood watch program. A few things they have discussed-leaving porch lights on, curfew enforcement, more stop signs at intersections, more street lights, signs identifying a neighborhood watch area, wearing of reflective vests. Mark will price signs for neighborhoods.

Consent Agenda

Additions to claims include payment to Ameren IP, RSNLT, Decatur Animal Control, Effingham Equity, and Health Alliance.

Corrections to minutes-Mick Tirpak voted nay on golf cart ordinance and Dennis Ridgeway voted nay to amount of new bulk water rates.

Motion to approve the consent agenda with additions and corrections to minutes was made by Trustee Ridgeway, second Gross, all yeas.

Unfinished Business

- A. Shambaugh-nothing new to report
- B. Drainage will discuss in closed session
- C. Sidewalk specs, location, and bidding. Mark has received 2 bids, De Boise and Porter Brothers. A question arose about having a contract. The consensus of the board is yes to the contract-this way the village is legally covered. Only repairs will be done this year, no new sidewalks. A motion was made by Trustee Gross to authorize Mark to hire Porter Bros for the repair of sidewalks and to direct what walks will be repaired, second Seitz, all yeas.

New Business

- A. Business District Eligibility Study - The eligibility study encompasses 110 parcels, 196 acres. The TIF and business district are in the same area. This will add an additional 1% sales tax. The next step is to approve the study and get this on file. Motion by Trustee Gross, second Seitz, to approve the study. Roll call: Allen, Ridgeway, Seitz, Gross, Martin, all yeas, Tirpak, nay. The board can wait 30 days or get started right away. The key is if the village is eligible and we are. Motion to proceed made by Trustee Gross, second Seitz, all yeas. EDR and the mayor will work on a budget.
- B. New lighting for the water plant. These fixtures have deteriorated with time. Fixtures are needed inside. Table for now

- C. Ordinance Modifying Burn Ord. #577-2012 This ordinance nullifies the previous Ord passed in August and addresses emergency bans. Motion to approve made by Trustee Gross, second Martin, all yeas.
- D. Waresham Security System. For what the Village wants, the cost is \$16,000 which is out of our budget. Waresham is working on some other ideas.
- E. Golf Cart Ord #578-2012. This ordinance modifies the curfew and seating for a golf cart. Motion to approve made by Trustee Martin, second Gross. Roll call: Allen, Ridgeway, Seitz, Gross, and Martin, all yeas, Tirpak, nay.
- F. Resolution #32-2012 adopt bulk water rates Motion to approve made by Trustee Martin, second Allen, all yeas.

A motion was made at 6:50pm to move to closed session 120/2 C-11 for litigation. Regular session resumes at 7:17 pm on a motion by Trustee Seitz, Gross second, all yeas.

Trustee Report

Martin-made statement that he thought Mark and the public works department were being taken advantage of in regards to picking up tree limbs, bushes, trimmings. Again the Village is not in the business of tree removal. Mike would like to contact Tyce Mahannah to put pond rip rap in and if it can be done without pumping out the pond.

Shambaugh has not honored his contract with the Village.

Tirpak asked about town clean-up. As of this date it has not been set. Mark would like Oct. 13 but still in talks with Veolia. Also a house at the corner of W. Franklin and S. Washington needs mowed.

Ridgeway-Carnahan property needs mowed also.

Allen- Mark has mowed around the pond, it looks good. Also the house on N. Madison that had a fire in it needs to be demolished. Susan will send a letter to the owners.

Mark met with a representative from Dunn Co and the good news is that the tennis courts don't appear to need resurfacing. They suggest power washing the surface. Could use more lights around the basketball courts.

The squad car has been purchased and just waiting on installation of equipment A reminder that open meeting training must be done by end of the year. This is required of all trustees, mayor, treasure, clerk.

No further business was discussed and the meeting adjourned at 7:30 on a motion by Allen, second Gross, all yeas.

Village Clerk 9/17/12