

Minutes for the Village of Cerro Gordo

March 21, 2011

The monthly meeting of the Mayor and the Board of Trustees met at 7:00 pm at 231 East South St. on March 21, 2011. Those present are : Temp. Mayor Brad Williams, Trustees Mick Tirpak, Dick Seitz, Mike Gross, and Shamarie Allen. Trustee Ridgeway was absent. Also present were Atty. Susan Nicholas, D.P.W. Mark Blickensderfer, P.C. Pat Carter, Treasurer Cris Perry, and Clerk Linda Ash.

The meeting was called to order and the public forum was held. Questions were raised about the utility tax, a house at 115 S. Adams St, replacement sidewalks, snow removal at the grade school, and the demo of a house at 202 W. Durfee.

Mayor Williams took a moment to present a plaque to the CGHS FFA unit for their work in constructing the pergola on the commons area. Present to accept the plaque were Dillon Brown, Courtney Wildman, and the I.A. teacher, Jamison Holt.

Consent Agenda

Cris has an adjustment for a resident for 2 months. Motion to approve adjustment made by Trustee Allen, second Gross, all yeas. Motion to approve the consent agenda made by Trustee Gross, second by Seitz, all yeas.

Unfinished Business

TIF-no report

115 S. Adams-waiting on title search and if there are any lien holders. The village will need an estimate of cost to bring the house up to minimum code standards. Will need consent to enter by the owner.
317 S. Madison-that house is now demolished.

02 W. Durfee-progress is being made at that house. There is an effort to repair the house. Time up for demolition is April 1. The board is happy with the progress being made.

Codification of Ordinances-Sterling has sent an e-mail concerning the indexing and is awaiting approval.
Demo/building permits-no report

Drainage-the plans are 95% completed. The plans call for 2-24" tiles. Foth now wants to use 1-18" and 1 36" tile. This could result in a \$70,000 savings. Ground cover was an issue with the original 42 " tile. The board consensus is to take this plan to the Drainage District and their consultant.

Old Ameren Building-A letter has been sent asking Ameren to remedy the problem in 30 days. If not, the Village will proceed in the same way as the houses on Madison St. and Durfee St.

New Business

Annual Community Events Resolution #27-2011- This resolution is required with IDOT in case of closure of any highway for a parade, race, etc. Motion by Trustee Allen, second Gross to approve, all yeas.
Pergola-the furniture has been ordered. Trustee Allen would like authorization to purchase soil and flowers for the flower box. Money was saved on the furniture. Motion to authorize up to \$100 on pergola flowers made by Trustee Williams, second Gross. Roll call: Trustees Allen, Gross, Seitz, Tirpak, and Williams, all yeas.
Mediacom representative Ester Viles was at the meeting. She will need to contact someone else about updates concerning the inconsistency with the internet. It is up and down every day.

Purchase of police car with a grant. Pat has made the application but needs authorization from the board to purchase the vehicle if the grant comes through. The grant request is for \$24,747.00. Of that amount, the Village will need to spend \$6,100.86. This will be used for transfer of equipment, purchase of lighting system, prisoner restraint area equipment, and exterior decals. This is included in the current year's budget. Motion by Trustee Allen, second Seitz, to give Pat authorization to purchase new squad car if a grant is secured. Roll call: Trustees: Allen, Gross, Seitz, Tirpak, and Williams, all yeas.

Annual police dept. ammunition purchase. All prices are going up. Tuttle is allowed to carry rifle but needs training and for that he needs ammo. Motion to approve ammo purchase made by Trustee Gross, second Seitz. Roll call: Trustees Allen, Gross, Seitz, Tirpak, and Williams, all yeas.

Allen Williams land contract-not ready at this time.

Veolia contract-approved in December but changes needed to be made. Veolia was asking for a fuel surcharge fee-Mayor Williams is against that and informed them of that, as it was not in the bid. Frontier easement use-this will be for the fiber optic line from the building in the alley to the tower south west of town. They will bore underground and will take all responsibility. Will not interfere with any drainage. Motion to proceed made by Trustee Seitz, second Allen, all yeas.

Trustee Pay The mayor would like to see a monthly fee instead of a meeting fee and for the fees to be set at \$50 a month. Motion to set fees at \$50 monthly made by Trustee Allen, second Seitz. roll call: Trustees Allen, Gross, Seitz, and Williams, all yeas, Tirpak, nay. This will not affect the trustees up for election in April. This will only cover Trustees Seitz,Gross, and Tim Allen. The mayor increase will not go into effect until 2013, as will the monthly fee for Trustees Ridgeway, Tirpak, and whomever is elected to fill the seat of Shamarie Allen. Settlement of Tohill IDHR charge. The papers have been signed and settled for \$3,500. The insurance company will pay half and the Village the other half. Motion by Trustee Allen, second Gross to sign all papers and settle case. Roll call: Trustees Allen, Gross, Seitz, Tirpak, and Williams all yeas.

K. Grant seminar for Mayor. There is going to be a grant seminar in Springfield that the mayor would like to attend. He has looked for several but they have all been in the Chicago area. Motion to approve payment for a Mayor Williams to attend this seminar made by Trustee Gross, second Allen. roll call: Trustees Allen, Gross, Seitz, Tirpak, Williams all yeas.

Community Center. This is a general discussion. Brad would like to name a committee to see what other communities charge for services, effects on other businesses and entities, such as the Legion, Library, Masons. He would like to name Tim Allen and Mike Gross to serve on this committee. They have accepted.

Mark reported that the water plant passed the inspection. This is done every 3 years. EPA also gave him a list of suggestions for the water/sewer plant.

Employee evaluations have been passed out for Mark and Pat. Mayor Williams would like these back before the next meeting.

Trustees Report

Trustee Seitz asked Mark about the mowing equipment. Mark stated he is looking at a new mower and getting some prices. There will be a lot more to mow with the completion of the pond for the drainage project. No other trustee reports. Treasure Cris stated that Ken Johnson with ACS is selling his business as of April 1. He is selling it to another person that worked with him, John Bowman. He will honor all contracts but will be called another name.

No further business came before the board and a motion to adjourn at 8:20 was made by Trustee Allen, second Gross, all yeas.

Village Clerk 3/21/2011