

Minutes for the Village of Cerro Gordo

FEB. 15, 2010

The monthly meeting of the Mayor and Board of Trustees met at 7:00 pm on Monday, Feb. 15, 2010. The meeting was held at 231 E. South Street with the following members present: Mayor Lyle Shoraga, Trustees Brad Williams, Dennis Ridgeway, Mick Tirpak, Dick Seitz, Ron Price, and Shamarie Allen. Also present were D.P.W. Rob Bratton, P.C. Pat Carter, Treasurer Cris Perry, Clerk Linda Ash, and Atty. Colette McCarty.

The meeting was called to order by the mayor. The first order of business was with the auditor for the Village, Kevin Huffman. Kevin presented the annual audit report for the village. A copy of the audit is at the village hall and is available for anyone who would like to see it.

Minutes for Jan. 18, 25, and Feb.8 were reviewed and approved on a motion by Trustee Williams, second Tirpak, all yeas.

CLAIMS REPORT

Clerk Ash that neither the Ameren IP bill nor the Verizon phone bills had been received as yet and would like to pay them as soon as they do. When the meetings are early in the month, these bills usually arrive two to three days after the meeting. Motion to approve claims and pay bills was made by Trustee Williams, second Ridgeway, all yeas.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Three CD's are due. The finance committee will meet with the treasurer on Wednesday at 12:30. There is one adjustment . Motion to approve adjustment made by Trustee Williams, Seitz, all yeas. Motion to approve treasurer's report made by Trustee Williams, Ridgeway, all yeas.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

The brine pump at the water plant is leaking. The cost of a new one is excess of \$3000. Rob is waiting on an estimate for a rebuilt pump. The board complimented the public works department on a job well done with snow removal.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

Cisco reports 13 hours of service this month with a profit of \$296.69. Cerro Gordo traffic enforcement will begin on State Hwy 105/32 and also at the new stops on South Street. Squad car has been fixed. Trustee Williams asked about a break down on calls-60% is spent on response, questions, and 40% of time with paperwork. Officer Leischner does all the juvenile reports, racial profiling, and is working on the NIMS.

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to report on Edwards or TIF. Adams Street will be discussed in closed session.

Drainage-Trustee Williams has contacted the drainage district officials, the easements have been filed. Tom Overmyer called, he is starting his own business. The board feels it is not in the best interest of the community to change engineering firms in mid-stream on this project. Still discussing ways to finance project.

Code of ordinances- Colette has contacted two (2) companies about the process and is waiting on a response.

NEW BUSINESS

Funding for Drainage project-possible to add fee on utility bill-typically called a storm water fee. The key is home rule laws and Colette will be looking into this. The fees will collect funds for capital expenses.

TRUSTEES REPORT

Williams- \$24,000 down in general fund-16% this year. The Municipal Review article says this is due to unemployment, etc.

Tirpak-contacted Petty about the whistle. He is to buy the whistle; the Village will do the work. Wants others to do the same-he is not adverse to having the work done. There also needs one put in at T. Lovekamp's house on Wait Street.

Allen-contacted Gino Grohler about the pergola.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Colette gave Clerk Ash FOIA forms to be used in the Village for any request that we may receive.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Shoraga reported that Penny Snoke, doing business as S & S Landscaping, is interested in bidding for any jobs the Village has coming up-specifically the drainage project.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Trustee Ridgeway, Allen at 8:20 pm to move into closed session 120/2 C-11. There was no further business after closed session and the board adjourned at 8:51 pm on a motion by Trustees Ridgeway, Allen, all yeas.

Village Clerk 2/15/10