

Minutes for the Village of Cerro Gordo

APRIL 19, 2010

The monthly meeting of the Mayor and the Board of Trustees met at 7:00 pm on April 19, 2010. The following members were 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, A.D.P.W. Mark Blickensderfer, P.C. Pat Carter, Treasurer Crisperry and Clerk Linda Ash. Atty. Colette McCarty was not at the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Shoraga. Minutes were read and approved on a motion by Trustee Allen, second Williams, all yeas.

CLAIMS REPORT

Additions for claims included AmerenIP and Verizon. Trustee Ridgeway asked about several questions regarding bills to Public Safety. Pat answered those-the purchases were for ammunition from various vendors. Motion to approve claims Trustee Price, second Tirpak. Roll call Williams, yea, Ridgeway, yea, Tirpak, yea, Seitz, yea, Price, yea, and Allen yea.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial report-Cd's due in July. Motion to approve financial made by Trustee Williams, second Ridgeway, all yeas. Water shut off's will be May 3rd. Four adjustments for this month: K. Covey-hasn't lived in house long enough for an average, J. Heiple-not signed, B. McCarty-not signed, and R. Overocker-signed. Motion to approve adjustments pending signatures made by Trustee Williams, second Seitz, all yeas. Cisco revenue is up to date with the last check received in the amount of \$710.00.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Rob has received bids on the Lincoln Street project from S&S. This was figured on a 40 hour week, paying prevailing wage with the Village buying the material for a cost of \$9760. Village materials would cost approximately \$1500. Trustees were not happy with one bid and so Rob will get two(2) more bids for the next meeting. Bid from Dunn for the front boulevard at the grade school will cost \$19457.00. Another \$6479.00 was the bid for some intersection work, grinding and fixing the area on Hwy 32. The village will approach the school about helping with the cost of the work in front of the grade school. Trustee Williams made a motion to table school project and turn it over to the streets and alley committee and to approve the bid from Dunn for the patching and milling. Second by Trustee Ridgeway, all yeas.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Cisco report-total billed \$710.00 for a profit of \$373.52. Cerro Gordo has 119 calls for assist, conducted 14 traffic stops, 8 traffic citations, 2 ordinance violations, and 10 written/verbal warnings.

DRAINAGE-met with the drainage district. Foth will present drainage package to the drainage district. There is a potential to get in after harvest, cost estimates are the same. This project is not inexpensive but in the long run will be cost effective. Motion made by Trustee Williams to communicate the information to the drainage district by the engineering firm of Foth, second Seitz, all yeas. Greg also presented the MFT budget for 2010 in the amount of \$61,000.00.

NEW BUSINESS

Fat hill donation-Jim Morgan passed out a sheet of expenditures for the festival to keep the Village informed of expenses. He also reminded the Village of the \$2000.00 pledge made earlier in the year for the festival. Motion by

Trustee Williams to make that donation, second Ridgeway, all yeas. Jim Van Matre also approached the Village about a donation for CUIC to help pay for Christian entertainment for the festival. Motion by Trustee Allen, second Ridgeway to make a \$250.00 donation, all yeas. Post prom chair Michelle Bowman asked the board for a donation in any amount to help offset the cost of post prom. Boy Scout representatives Amy and Matt Williams approached the Board with a request with help purchasing a telescope for the scouts. They are currently studying astronomy and this telescope can help them earn badges and can be used for the younger scouts as well as the older scouts. The entry level scope is \$500, and another \$250 for accessories. They would like the board to approve a donation for \$500 for the scope and the scouts will have fundraisers to purchase the accessories. Motion by Trustee Ridgeway to make a \$1100 donation to post prom, with half of that to be used locally and \$500 to the scouts, second Seitz, all yeas. Scout masters also asked that the door knob on scout hall be replaced. It is coming off the door and to solve the problem of scout leaders not returning keys, maybe a lock box can be put on the doors.

Sandy Hayes would like a Farmers Market set up on the commons area for the summer. The library doesn't want to be with it as first suggested. Perhaps the Village could sponsor it. This could be on a Saturday morning from a set time. Will need to check liability issues and also with the attorney. Someone needs to be in charge, perhaps the regional development committee.

Motion by Trustee Williams, second Allen to move to liquor commission, all yeas. Application for the fair license for the fair and also for a car show to be held on July 24, 2010 and the fair on June 22-27. All applications are in order. Motion to approve subject to attorney approval made by Trustee Williams, second Tirpak, all yeas. The American Legion also has an application on file for the Fat hill Fest. Motion to approve subject to attorney approval made by Trustee Seitz, Ridgeway second, all yeas. Motion to end liquor commission made by Trustee Ridgeway, second Tirpak all yeas. A change needs to be made to ordinance 8.505 to allow liquor to be on public streets for a special occasion such as Fat hill Fest. Modify ordinance with approval by attorney to give the board the ability to make a change. Motion made by Trustee Tirpak to change ordinance 8.505 to change wordage to include "except by permission of Village Board" to the ordinance, second Ridgeway. Roll call Trustees Williams, yea, Ridgeway, yea, Tirpak, yea, Seitz, nay, Price, yeas, Allen, nay.

The board took a 5 minute break and the meeting resumed at 8:55 pm.

The budget was presented by Trustee Williams. Brad passed out some budget notes. There will have to be some changes in the levy, the board may have to raise sewer rates. Some of the expenses in the budget are in anticipation of the drainage project and a proposed water and sewer loop in the South east section of town. Motion by Trustee Tirpak to approve the budget, second Seitz, all yeas.

A motion was entered at 9:11 pm to move to closed session 120/2 C-1 personnel by Trustee Ridgeway, second Tirpak, all yeas.

Motion made at 9:56 pm by Trustee Ridgeway, second Seitz to return to regular session.

A motion by Trustee Tirpak was made to hire Ryan Nuding as the assistant director of public works. His salary will be \$11.50 an hour with a review in 6 months. He will also be required to obtain a physical and start on May 3, 2010. Second made by Trustee Seitz, all yeas.

In the matter of public safety, the Board authorizes Pat to train Michael Tuttle effective as soon as possible. Motion made by Trustee Ridgeway, second Price all yeas.

All salaries will be frozen with the exception of Linda and Cris. Cris will receive a 10% raise with Linda's to equal the same amount as Cris' base pay. The village clerk pay will remain at \$4000 but the collector's pay will increase. Motion to approve raise made by Trustee Seitz, second Tirpak, all yeas.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

Trustee Tirpak had questions about a court case, and the amount of money paid out to date on the Edwards plant. The goal of pursuing the Edwards Plant is to force the sale of the property and get it back on the tax rolls to generate some money. The clerk can check past bills to get an idea of amount spent to date.

No further business came before the Boards and a motion to adjourn was made at 10:07 pm by Trustee Williams, second price, all yeas.

Village Clerk 4/19/10