

Minutes for the Village of Cerro Gordo

June 21, 2010

The monthly meeting of the Mayor and the Board of Trustees was held on June 21, 2010 at 231 East South St. 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. Mark Blickensderfer, P.C. Pat Carter, treasurer Cris Perry, Attys. Colette McCarty and Susan Nicholas, and Clerk Linda Ash.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Public Forum

L. Steen commented on weeds at Wait St. T. Hyde expressed concern about bushes growing over the sidewalk on W. South St. He also commented on businesses required to register their business name, and L. Baily asked about the drainage on Lincoln St.

Minutes were read and approved on a motion by trustee Williams, second Ridgeway, all yeas.

Claims Report

Trustees were given a partial claims report and a list of invoices to be added. There were problems with the computer program Friday and is still not resolved. The payment to BCBS will not be paid this month as the Village is paid up to the 1st of July and is canceling the policy. Health Alliance will be the health provider for the coming year. Motion to approve claims report and to pay claims on attached sheet made by Trustee Williams, second Tirpak, all yeas.

Treasurer's Report

Financial-CD due in July. Cris will check area rates.

No adjustments for this month, only one shut off still in effect. Motion to approve made by Trustees Williams, second Ridgeway, all yeas.

Director of Public Works

Replaced one aerator, and rebuilt 2. Franklin St lift station not causing too much trouble lately.

There was a downed tree from the storm that went through Saturday morning, took out phone lines.

Chipped some streets Friday due to the heat.

The service line on East Carter Street had another leak and the road will need to be patched again. The line is not good under there and needs to be replaced. There is no reason to patch the road again and have another leak in a matter of time. Burdick will get an estimate of repairs to Mark.

Police Chief Report

Cerro Gordo had 169 calls for assistance, 10 traffic stops, 8 criminal arrest. Cisco had 2 calls, 0 traffic and the profit to CG from Cisco was \$460.48. Pat has contacted L. Edwards to control the weeds at the old fertilizer plant. M. Tuttle is ready to go to the academy. Need a resolution/ordinance concerning employment of part time help during training period. Pat also has a resolution from IMRF concerning credit for service in military-up to 4 years. As the attorneys have not had a chance to view these they will be held for the next meeting. A resident has asked for permission to drive a converted lawn mower on public streets. This vehicle is excluded from the golf cart ordinance which allows only golf carts.

New Business

Drainage and Design Contract

Lots of work had already been done. The Village can stop at any time. At this time, everything hinges on the intergovernmental agreement between the Village and the drainage district. The design contract with Foth will pay for everything done up to this point and does not lock the Village into the project. The estimated cost so far is \$59,200. Motion to approve made by Trustee Williams, second Ridgeway. Roll call: Williams, Ridgeway, Tirpak, Seitz, Price, and Allen, all yeas.

The water main extension contract involves running water mains from Lehew's house on Orchard and up to Price's house on Jackson/Rt 105. This will complete the loop and provide for better water flow to these areas. This will provide water service for future development. This will be tabled until the next meeting.

Prevailing Wage Ord. # 546. These wages are set by law and the Village has to adhere to them. Motion to approve made by Trustee Ridgeway, second Seitz, all yeas.

Joint Review Meeting Ord. #547 The Board is set to meet at 1:30 pm on July 16 in the Village Hall. All taxing bodies representatives and anyone on the TIF registry will be sent a copy of the ordinance, the 2009 Comptrollers Report, and a letter informing them of the meeting. Motion to approve ord. # 547 made by Trustee Williams, second Allen. Roll call: Williams, Seitz, Price, and Allen, all yeas, Ridgeway, abstain, and Tirpak, nay.

A copy of a storm water ordinance was brought to the board. The Village had nothing on file for when the new grade school and Casey's were built and could be helpful in regards to storm drain off. This will be needed for future development.

A request for temporary golf permits was brought up and the consensus is not to allow.

The amount needed for the pergola is in the budget. A motion to release funds to pay for materials for the pergola was made by Trustee Williams, second Ridgeway. The school is building the pergola at no cost to the Village-we just pay for materials. Roll call: Williams, Ridgeway, Seitz, Price, and Allen, all yeas, Tirpak, nay.

Mowing rates are currently \$25 per half hour. Motion to raise rates to \$125 per hour with a minimum of one hour made by Trustee Williams, second Ridgeway, all yeas.

Commercial Zoning – The area in front of the proposed detention pond is currently zoned residential. A. Williams intends to sell the land and would have to be rezoned business/commercial. This will be up to the property owner to proceed with this.

Utility tax for drainage. An ordinance would have to be passed to adopt this. It can be done-Susan is checking on timing. Trustee Williams reported that after talks with Ameren it could be implemented within 60 days. It has to be done under statutes.

Old Business

S. Hayes asked again about a Farmers Market. She would organize and is looking at using the commons area or the lot at the corner of Madison and Wait Sts. The Village is concerned about liability issues and the commons area is railroad property. The board suggest she contact Gene Timmerman about possibly using his empty lot up town. Also the summer reading program is asking for donations. A motion was made by Trustee Allen that a \$100 donation be given with half for gift certificates to CG Foods and half to Judy's Kitchen, second Ridgeway, all yeas.

The Youth League has again asked for a donation of \$5000 for the maintenance of Gordy Park. This is a Village owned park and the Youth League takes care of the upkeep of the ball diamonds. Motion to approve donation made by Trustee Williams, second Allen, all yeas.

The old Edwards Plant is no longer under bankruptcy protection. The attorney will send the packet to the County Clerk, County Treasurer, and the State's Attorney and will expect some answers soon.

Adams Street-the attorneys will prepare a complaint on the property and also on the property at Madison Street.

Motion to move to liquor commission made by Trustee Ridgeway, Seitz, all yeas. The American Legion has an application for their annual renewal. The application is signed, fee paid, and copy of dram insurance is in order. Motion to approve liquor license for Legion made by Trustee Ridgeway, Seitz, all yeas. Also an application was presented to the Board from the new owners of Cerro Gordo Foods. They have the fee, completed application, a copy of dram insurance. They take ownership of the store on July 1, 2010. Motion to approve made by Trustee Ridgeway, Williams. Roll call Trustees Williams, Ridgeway, Seitz, Price, and Allen all yeas, Tirpak, nay.

Motion to end liquor commission made by Trustee Williams, Price, all yeas.

Trustees Report

Tirpak-road in front of school, no word from the school about helping with the cost. Fence not up at football field yet.

A motion was made by Trustee Ridgeway, second Williams to adjourn from regular session and move to closed session at 9:00 pm. A motion was made to adjourn from closed session and move to regular session at 9:15 pm by Trustee Price, second Ridgeway.

No further business came before the Board and motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Allen, Seitz, all yeas.

Village Clerk 6/21/10