

## Minutes for the Village of Cerro Gordo

Aug. 16, 2010

The monthly meeting of the Mayor and the Board of Trustees met at 7:00 pm on Aug. 16, 2010 in the Municipal Building located at 231 E. South St. The following members were present: Temp. Mayor Brad Williams, Trustees Shamarie Allen, Ron Price, Dick Seitz, Mick Tirpak, Dennis Ridgeway, and Brad Williams. 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 at 7:00 pm. The public forum was called in which the following issues were expressed: questions on utility tax, Mediacom maintenance, destruction of closed session tapes, Madison Street house, and water on Lincoln Street.

Minutes were approved on a motion by Trustee Seitz, second Price, all yeas.

### Claims Report

Bills from Ameren IP, Imco, and Progressive were received today and will be added to the claims report. Motion to approve claims and additions made by Trustee Ridgeway, second Allen, all yeas.

### Treasurer's Report

There are three general fund CD's due Aug. 16. the current rate is .08% and there is a ten (10) day turnover period. The finance committee will check into this.

The Blan property at 206 N. Jefferson has been sold at a tax sale to Beasley properties. He can produce a tax deed and that would eliminate anything due on the property. Mr. Beasley is willing to pay half of the past due water/sewer bill. Motion by Trustee Ridgeway to accept half, second Allen. Roll call: Trustees Allen, Price, Seitz, Ridgeway, and Williams yeas, Tirpak, nay.

There are two adjustments this month, one signed, one not. Motion to approve adjustments pending signature made by Trustee Allen, second Seitz, all yeas. There was a question about shut-offs, as to the procedure being followed at present. Motion to approve treasure's report made by Trustee Ridgeway, second Tirpak, all yeas.

### Director of Public Works Report

This report was sent in the packets. Mark had nothing to add.

### Chief of police Report

With the start of school, traffic enforcement will be stepped up. The department plans a concentrated ordinance push at the end of the week. Pat would like to secure some caution signs for the gold carts.

### Old Business

Engineer Greg Kacvinsky presented some reviews and comments from the Drainage District meeting. They have concerns with drain coverage and the existing pipe. The goal is to solve the drainage problems and benefit the property owners at the same time. There are no changes in the detention pond. The engineers are recommending 36'pipe and then a 42' pipe towards the end of the line. There are no cost savings with going from to twin 24' to the 36 and 42" pipes. The larger pipes reduce the flood risk. The engineers are seeking approval from the drainage district and will also negotiate for easements. It is conceivable to build the pond first, then the main outlet.

Edwards -No report

Tif-have held some general discussions on helping business, individuals building homes through EDR coordinator Julian Jacquin.

Adams St.-needs legal description for the complaint

Madison St.-ready to write up complaint when informed that there is an insurance policy on the property. A property lien can be put on property and insurance company will pay the Village first. Hold off on complaint and let insurance company take care of this. September 3, 2010 is the deadline to file a lien.

New Business

Utility tax ordinance # 549-2010 strikes out restrictions, changes the language. Motion to approve made by Trustee Tirpak, second Price, roll call: Allen, Price, Seitz, Tirpak, Ridgeway, and Williams, all yeas. The gas/electric utility tax will be collected by Ameren Ip, and the maximum we can tax is 5%, same with the telecommunications tax. This (telecommunications) has to be filed with the Department of Revenue and done by Sept. 21, 2010. This could generate \$110,000.00 to the bond project and when paid off, this tax can be reduced or eliminated.

PS Training Ordinance # 550-2010. This is needed for hiring requirements. Motion to pass made by Trustee Tirpak, second Ridgeway, roll call: Trustees Allen, Price, Seitz, Tirpak, Ridgeway, and Williams, all yeas.

IMRF-table for now

Ordinance # 551-2010 deals with changes to the dog ordinance. People are to be responsible for cleaning up after their animals. Motion to approve made by Trustee Allen, second Seitz, all yeas.

The garbage contract is up this November. Take bids for this and will get specs for the bid process.

Demolition permits and building permit fees need to be addressed. Mark thinks the Village should have a demo permit in the \$10-\$20 range. Currently the top end of building permits is \$100, this needs to be raised. Also a permit for fences should be in force. The ordinance committee will take this on advisement.

Closed session recordings are authorized by the Open Meetings Act and according to the act, only the last 18 months of recordings need to be preserved and all others can be destroyed. Motion by Trustee Allen, second Price to destroy all tape recordings prior to Jan. 1, 2009, roll call: Trustees Allen, Price, Seitz, Tirpak, Ridgeway, Williams, all yeas.

When people ask for FOIA request the request will be met but hope there is a valid reason for such a request.

The Board accepted the resignation of Zoning Board member Janet Dobson. Mayor Williams is not ready to name someone to replace her at this time.

Discussion was held on the best route, economical route to run water/sewer to the Dollar general site. This project is moving along and they have contacted the Village for an address.

No Trustee report.

Motion entered by Trustee Ridgeway, second Tirpak to move to closed session for 120/2 C-21, review closed session minutes, 120/2 C-11, litigation, 120/2 C-5, purchase of property, and 120/2 C-1, personnel at 8:55 pm, all yeas.

Motion to return to regular session at 9:50 pm was made by Trustee Allen, second Price, all yeas.

Motion to purchase property on Lincoln Street which includes part of the Village shed up to \$1800.00 was made by Trustee Seitz, second Price, roll call: Trustees Allen, Price, Seitz, Tirpak, Ridgeway, and Williams, all yeas.

Motion to leave all closed session minutes closed on advisement of Attorney S. Nicholas was made by Trustee Allen, second Price, all yeas.

No further business was conducted and motion to adjourn at 9:55 pm was made by Trustee Allen, second Seitz, all yeas.

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Village Clerk 8/16/2010