

## Minutes for the Village of Cerro Gordo

**September 20, 2010**

The monthly meeting of the President and the Board of Trustees met on Sept. 20, 2010 at 7:00 pm. The following members were present: Temp Mayor Brad Williams, Trustees Shamarie Allen, Ron Price, Dick Seitz, Mick Tirpak, and Brad Williams. Trustee Dennis Ridgeway was absent. Also present was Atty. Susan Nicholas, P.C. Pat Carter, Treasurer Cris Perry and Clerk Linda Ash. D.P.W. Mark Blickensderfer arrived later in the meeting.

The meeting was called to order and the public forum was held. One resident asked about the status on the house on Adams Street and another asked for a donation to the preschool.

Representatives from Foth Engineering were here to discuss the drainage plan. They met with Alan Williams about the pond previous to tonight's meeting. They will transfer the agreement with Williams and the village. There will be a drive to the pond, parking and tables. They also talked with the drainage district about out-of-site drainage. The district wants to stay with twin 24" pipe and Foth will prepare and modify plans for the 24" pipe. The firm would like to bid the construction part of the project out by next year. The pond could be built this year. The drainage district has to go to court to get an intergovernmental agreement approved. Any payment to the contractor would be contingent to conformance to the specs.

They also discussed the running of water and sewer lines in the south end of town. This is the area from Orchard Street up Jackson Street. The water and sewer lines would be 8" and the sewer would run from the lift station on Madison St. to the highway and down to the corner of Orchard and Jackson, the water would be a complete loop. This will cost in the \$400,000-\$500,000 range. Motion to approve the contract with Foth for this work was made by Trustee Allen, second Seitz, roll call: Trustees Allen, Price, Seitz, Tirpak, and Williams all yeas, Ridgeway, absent.

The mayor would like to appoint Barry Cripe to the zoning board effective immediately. Motion to approve Barry made by Trustee Allen, second Tirpak, all yeas.

Minutes were approved as read for Aug. 16 and special minutes for a meeting on Aug. 25. Motion to approve made by Trustee Price, second Seitz, all yeas.

### Claims

Additions of Frontier, Linda Hector, and RSNLT. Motion to approve made by Trustee Tirpak, second Allen, all yeas.

### Treasurer's Report

Received a check from Piatt County Treasurer in the amount of \$53,000 from property tax.

Three (3) adjustments this month, one signed, two(2) not. Motion to approve adjustments pending signatures made by Trustee Tirpak, second, Price, all yeas. Motion to approve the financial report made by Trustee Allen, second Price, roll call: Allen, Price, Seitz, Tirpak, and Williams, all yeas. Cris will be starting on the newsletter. Clean-up day is set for Oct. 9, residents can start setting out items beginning Oct. 1, 2010.

Atty. Nicholas has a lease agreement between the Village and the American Legion. This lease will be for two (2) years. The board needs to designate someone to sign the lease for the Village. A motion was entered by Trustee Allen to designate Brad Williams to have the authority to sign the lease with the American Legion for a period of two years, second Tirpak. Roll call: Allen, Price, Seitz, Tirpak, all yeas.

### Police

Everyone received their reports. The Imapla has been to the shop for repairs. Needs some maintenance, get an estimate from Jim Crawley. This can be done now as an emergency repair.

In regards to the Cisco contract, Cisco is asking to cut back of what they spend now. They want to scale back to no more than \$400 a month. Motion to renew the contract made by Trustee Allen, second Seitz. Roll call: Trustees Allen, price, Seitz, and Williams, all yeas, Tirpak, nay.

#### Old Business

Edwards plant-Colette playing phone tag with the Piatt Co. Treasurer again. Goal is to have property put on scavenger sale.

TIF-have a development agreement between the Village and Dollar General. They are asking up to \$28,000. This will be paid as property tax comes in. They have the potential of generating \$10,000 in sales tax. It is the opinion of the mayor to accept the proposal. Subject to attorney approval, a motion to accept the agreement was made by Trustee Seitz, second Tirpak, all yeas.

The attorney needs a certified copy of the nuisance ordinance in order to continue the complaint on Adams St. house.

The burned house at 317 S. Madison Street has had a lien filed with the insurance company.

Garbage contract expires this year. The request for bids is ok. These need to be mailed out by Sept. 21, contracts received by Oct. 18 for the meeting. The current contract expires Nov. 20. Motion to put out contract for bids was made by Trustee Seitz, second Allen, all yeas.

The demo/building permits and codification of ordinances will be tabled for now.

An ordinance authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds not to exceed \$900,000 for the purpose of paying the cost of capital improvements within the Village was presented to the Board. This prepares us for the next step in the drainage project. Motion to approve ordinance made by Trustee Tirpak, second Seitz, roll call: Allen, Price, Seitz, Tirpak, and Williams, all yeas.

#### New Business

Trustee and president salaries, any increases will go into effect after the next election. Trustee Tirpak states the township trustees are paid \$100 per meeting. He would like to see that raise and \$75 for special meetings. Trustee Allen states it should be left where it is as the village is getting ready to spend \$990,000 on drainage. More discussion followed. Trustee Tirpak made a motion to raise trustee pay to \$100.00, \$75 for special meetings, second by Trustee Price. Roll call: Trustee Allen, nay, Price, yea, Seitz, nay, Tirpak, yea, Williams, yea., motion carried 3/2. Currently the president is paid \$1800 a year, \$450 quarterly. Trustee Seitz recommended doubling the current amount. Trustee Tirpak made a motion to raise presidents pay to \$2400.00. Trustee Allen made a motion to raise presidents pay to \$3000.00, second by Seitz. Roll call trustees Allen, Price, Seitz, Williams, all yeas to raise salary to \$3000.00, Tirpak, nay.

There is an issue in regards to parking in front of the White Church-the Church of the Brethren. A resident is parking in front of the church obstructing access to the front of the church. The church has resurfaced their parking lot and has asked the resident not to park on it as there has been damage done to the NW corner. The street committee will look into putting signs up but the attorney cautions the need for this action.

Trustee Allen would like a plaque to go on the pergola thanking the High School buildings class for their work on this project. She would like two (2), one for the pergola, and one for the shop class. Motion to approve up to \$100 to purchase these plaques was made by Trustee Allen, second Tirpak, all yeas.

A change to the liquor ordinance to change the bar/restaurant license from over 50% food sales has been suggested. Someone would like a 75/25% ratio. The board needs to think about what they may want to do.

#### Trustees Report

Allen-e-mailed the railroad on pergola, high school is set to start laying the pavers for the pergola this week. Tirpak-Talked to the Lovington mayor about a government adviser that helps with grants, works with trustees, boards, directors. Brad will contact him.

The old Ameren building repairs can be done at a cost of between \$12,000-\$15000. Work needed to be done includes a new roof, trusses, siding, doors, and concrete. This would be the last year for it to be savable. It is one of the oldest buildings in town.

Director of Public Works

Nothing new to report. Some oil and chipping done in the area. Getting Ryan going on working weekends. Hydrant flushing done on north side of town. Mark will be hitting it again soon, one night a week.

Motion to adjourn for a closed session for 120/2 C-5 real estate and 120/2 C-11 litigation at 8:50 pm was made by Trustee Allen, second Seitz, all yeas. Motion to end closed session and return to regular session was made by Trustee Allen, second Seitz, all yeas. No further business came before the board and a motion to adjourn at 8:58 pm was made by Trustee Allen, second Seitz, all yeas.

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Village Clerk 9/20/2010