

Minutes for the Village of Cerro Gordo

October 18, 2010

The monthly meeting of the President and the Board of Trustees met on Oct. 18, 2010 at 231 East South Street at 7:00 pm. The following members were present: Temp. President Brad Williams, Trustees Shamarie Allen, Ron Price, Dick Seitz, Mick Tirpak, Dennis Ridgeway, and Brad Williams. Also present were Atty. Susan Nicholas, Clerk Linda Ash, Treasurer Cris Perry, and P.C. Pat Carter. D.P.W. Mark Blickensderfer joined the meeting at a later time.

The meeting was called to order and a public forum was held. K. Helm asked for permission for the Relay for Life teams of Cerro Gordo to collect change for the cure on Oct. 24 on Sunday afternoon. J. Morris made some comments about ditching.

Garbage bids were opened at this time. The current contract with Veolia expires Nov. 30, 2010. One of the haulers made a comment about the amount of the insurance and bid bonds required. The Village needs to ensure that the haulers can cover any damages that may occur and much less in the liability factor may not cover personal injuries. The amounts of the bids were to include a three year contract, and pricing for company bill and Village bill.

The results are as follows:

Area Disposal: \$19.00-1st year, \$19.76-2nd year, \$20.55-3rd year

\$18.00, \$18.72, \$19.44

Veolia: \$18.25-1st year, \$18.62-2nd year, \$18.99-3rd year

\$16.75, \$17.09, \$17.43

\$6,000 for a household hazardous waste removal

Streibich: \$16.50-1st year, \$17.00-2nd year, \$17.50-3rd year

\$15.00, \$15.50, \$16.00

The attorney will need an opportunity to review the bids and a special meeting will be held on Oct. 21, 2010 to discuss the contracts at 5:00 pm. Strebich did not procure the necessary bonds and so his bid will be disqualified.

Minutes were read and approved on a motion by Trustee Price, second Tirpak, all yeas.

Claims report

Four additions to claims, motion to approve all claims made by Trustee Ridgeway, second Allen, all yeas.

Treasure's report

Three CD's will mature on Nov. 23, Cris will have rates for the board meeting which is Nov. 15. Motion to approve treasure's report made by Trustee Ridgeway, second Seitz, all yeas. Two adjustments for the month, all paper work signed. Motion to approve adjustments made by Trustee Seitz, second Price, all yeas.

Police report

Pat received \$700 from Cisco for payment. Tuttle will be certified by April 2011.

Old Business

The Edwards property has been turned over to the State's Attorney.

115 S. Adams-the complaint has been sent to the Circuit Clerk for filing.

Drainage is in progress, amendments have been received from the drainage district. The water and sewer project for the south-east portion is about ready to bid out.

317 S. Madison-the insurance company has issued a check payable to Larry House and the Village of Cerro Gordo for demolition of that house.

Commercial zoning-the property that Dollar General has bought will need to be rezoned commercial from residential.

The zoning board will have to call that meeting.

Legion land lease is signed and Mark is bringing the check for that. The lease will start tonight. Trustee Ridgeway presented a handout of fees currently being charged by Monticello for demo and building permits. This will have to be further reviewed as it will affect the current ordinances and they will have to be changed. President Williams would like to re-instate Dick Buckley to the zoning board. Motion to do so made by Trustee Seitz, second Allen, all yeas. He will take over for Dave Rawlings while he is gone this winter. Codification of Ordinances-Linda needs to get all ordinances up to date from #540 to Susan. Parking at the Brethren Church (white church) has been resolved. Pat talked to the resident. The church has asked for church only parking signs but the attorney has advised against that.

New Business

A house at 202 W. Durfee that has been damaged by fire can be signed off by the building inspector as being uninhabitable. The fire chief was actually in that house and will sign such a statement.

Wheel chair ramps on South Street-former trustee Mike Songer was approached about a ramp into T's Video. There is no good way to do this and it is not feasible at this time.

Sign ordinance currently states that signs and awnings have to be 8 foot above the sidewalk, and for \$15 anyone can put up a sign. The board needs to set standards for this-guidelines for size, color, strength.

Old Ameren building on North Street is in great disrepair, and would like to get something done with it. Ameren has agreed to sell it to the Village for \$500 for the title transfer cost. Rough estimates of \$15,000 to restore. President Williams would like the Village to commit to saving this building, restore it and use as a museum. This is currently one of the oldest buildings downtown but the work needs to be done now. The roof needs replaced this year. If it can be put on the historical listings the restoration would have to conform to historical guidelines. President Williams will check with the historical society of Piatt County. Table any action until Thursday's special meeting.

Jerry Morris has requested a water line be put in at the North plant for Clarkson Grain. This is for a bathroom only. Clarkson will need to pay all expenses involved and they will be charged the double water rate with a limit of 10,000 gallons of water. The state will only issue a permit to a municipality to drill under the state roads. Clarkson will assume all liabilities, Mark will approve the contractor, all hook ups must be done by a licensed plumber, and Lynn Clarkson's name will be added to the contract. Motion to approve the line with the additional provision of L. Clarkson signing the contract made by Trustee Seitz, second Allen. Roll call: Trustees Allen, Price, Seitz, Tirpak, Ridgeway, and Williams, all yeas.

Director of Public Works Report

Dunn Company will be in town tomorrow to fix the road where the service line was replaced on East Carter Street. Clean-up went really well. Mark has been pumping out the # 2 lagoon but it may need to be jetted. It is very slow and sluggish. Every three years lead and copper testing has to be done. This year we got a high copper reading and feel it came from a new construction site . Mark is not sure what needs to be done as far as notification. The print out for this is nearly 400 pages in length.

Part time help has about 2 to 3 weeks to work, budget wise we are ok. Zach will probably work until November. Tile on Lincoln Street-called in a locate for that. Dug on the east side and found a 8" tile there and it is plugged with dirt. May have been caused by digging for the sewer and gas lines.

Ryan worked over the weekend-he did fine.

Trustee Report

Trustee Seitz-asked about placement of a yield sign on North Jackson Street-nearly hit two vehicles last week. State will not put up a sign as they don't feel there is a problem.

Trustee Tirpak-asked if President Williams contacted Scott Thompon about helping towns find grants. He will be here Friday at 10:30 am. He also feels like the Village is getting the short end of the deal from the drainage district. The landowners will benefit from the village laying tile in the field. The district wants an annual maintenance fee and the village to maintain the tile and any problems that may occur.

Trustee Ridgeway-asked about ordinance enforcements. Pat said the officers were recontacting people.

Attorney's Report

Closed session 120/2 C-11 for litigation and 120/2 C-1 personnel.

Motion by Trustee Ridgeway, second Tirpak to move to closed session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation and personnel at 8:40 pm, all yeas.

Motion by Trustee Seitz, second Allen to return to regular session at 8:55 pm, all yeas. There was no more business to come before the board and a motion to adjourn at 8:56 pm was made by Trustee Allen, second Setz, all yeas.

Village Clerk 10/18/2010