

Minutes for the Village of Cerro Gordo

Aug. 17, 2009

The monthly meeting of the President and the Board of Trustees met at 7:00 pm on Monday, Aug. 17, 2009 in the Municipal Building, located at 231 East South Street. The following members were present: Mayor Lyle Shoraga, Trustees Brad Williams, Dennis Ridgeway, Mick Tirpak, Carol Huff, Ron Price, and Shamarie Allen. Also present were Atty. Colette McCarty, P.C Pat Carter, Asst. D.P.W. Mark Blickensderfer, Treasurer Cris Perry, and Clerk Linda Ash.

The meeting was called to order. Public forum was held first with the following comments:

T. Hyde presented petition for RV park

J. Dobson voiced concerns about crop dusters

J. Frydenger questioned No Parking signs on Monroe Street

B. West wants Village to vacate alley behind him

J. Morris talked about drainage

G. Timmerman would like sidewalks on Jackson Street

C. Eads wants more chairs in meeting room

B. Massey had questions about a fundraiser for the Preschool

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

Claims Report

Ameren IP bill needs to be added to the report. The amount is \$5179.40 Motion to approve claims made by Trustee Ridgeway, second Price, all yeas.

Treasure's Report

Shut off date for water is Sept. 3 at 10:00am. Three CD's have matured, water, sewer, and meter deposit. Cris received rates from area institutions and will roll over the CD's in a 6 month CD with rates of 1.3% at the State Bank of Cerro Gordo. The Village has received its first tax installation in the amount of \$50,000 from Piatt County. She has one adjustment for C. Jackson. Motion to approve adjustment made by Trustee Ridgeway, second Tirpak, all yeas. Motion to approve financial report made by Trustee Williams, second Tirpak, all yeas.

Director of Public Works Report

Rob was sick and not present for the meeting.

Chief of Police Report

Pat distributed reports for Cisco and Cerro Gordo. He also issued a memo to the police officers concerning jurisdiction. Ordinance enforcement in Cisco consists of taking photos only when asked.

New Business

Art Wilkerson, President of the State Bank of Cerro Gordo, was at the meeting to discuss the remodel project at the bank. They are remodeling the drive up lanes and will eventually have a drive up ATM machine. They would like to tap into the Library drainage project is feasible. They will be in contact with Burdick to inquire about the cost of either

boring through the road or trenching to tie in with the Library. Trustee Ridgeway made a motion to approve a pre-plan with a second by Tirpak, all yeas.

The drainage for the Library from Durfee Street to the football field is Phase II of the project. The first phase, from the Library to Durfee has been approved and construction will begin soon. Phase II will also enclose the tile. Motion to approve next phase made by Trustee Williams, second Ridgeway. Roll call: Trustees Williams, yea, Ridgeway, yea, Tirpak, nay, Huff, yea, Price, yea, Allen, yea.

Only one bid for the 1987 truck, known as old blue, was received. The bid was for \$150 from Ryan Nuding. Motion to accept the bid was made by Trustee Ridgeway, second Price, all yeas.

Two bids were received for the sidewalk project. One from Porter Brothers and one from Jereme Endrizzi. Jereme was the low bidder and thus was awarded the contract on a motion by Trustee Tirpak to E&M Concrete, subject to proof of insurance and bonding, second Williams, all yeas. Jereme will be supplied with information concerning the prevailing wage for the Village.

Mayor Shoraga would like to name Cheryl Evans as a replacement for Shamaire on the Park Board. Motion to approve made by Trustee Huff, second Price, all yeas.

There will be a zoning hearing held on Sept 17 at 7:00 pm at 313 W. Franklin to amend RV park and review new special use request.

Old Business

Nothing to report on Adams Street property. A letter has been sent to the owner and was to reply to the village by Aug. 3. Sept 1 ordinance enforcement will begin and she will be fined.

Drainage-letters will be sent to the land owners and district personnel concerning the drainage problems in that area.

A motion was entered at 8:14 to adjourn to closed session for the purpose of personnel 120/2 C-1 by Trustee Williams, Ridgeway, all yeas.

Regular session resumed at 8:40 pm.

Trustees Report

Ridgeway- IDOT would need to do a study in regards to speed to set up a crossing for Casey's. He will also talk to B. Robison at the school. The ramp at T's is for the benefit of elderly customers of L. Proctors. Will check into this further. Ordinance enforcement is going well. Asks about 2 meetings a month. If this is to become a permanent change then it will have to be published and an ordinance created. A special meeting can be called anytime with a 48 hour notice, rather than change the meeting times according to Colette. Ditch at Dr. Sochors needs culverts in it.

Tirpak-has heard of golf carts traveling to Casey's. They can not travel on the state highway and are not allowed to go through the school parking lot. School did a nice job on their parking lot. Mick was the one wanting the RV park to be maintained legally. He received a call from C. Brown about it.

Price-has received complaints about the no parking on Monroe Street. The loading zone sign can be removed from in front of the old H&H Upholstery shop. If the sign was put up by ordinance, it has to be removed by ordinance.

The no parking will be enforced by the police department and they will use their discretion when enforcing the signs.

Attorney's Report

The railroad has given the Village permission to remove the old loading dock. Jerry Morris has met with the RR representative and would like to remove it. That is fine with the village.

Mayor's Report

Mediacom has announced a raise of \$2 and up. Lyle has received a study from the Mahommet Aquafier. They would like a donation to keep organization going.

No further business came before the Board and a motion to adjourn at 9:15pm was made by Trustee Huff, Tirpak, all yeas.

Village Clerk 8/17/09