

Minutes for the Village of Cerro Gordo

OCT. 20, 2008

The monthly meeting of the President and the Board of Trustees met on Monday, Oct. 20, 2008 at 7:00 pm in the Municipal Building. Those present were President Jim Morgan, Trustees Brad Williams, Lyle Shoraga, Terry Lovekamp, Ron Price, and Mike Songer. Trustee Carol Huff was not able to attend. Also present were Atty. Colette McCarty, D.P.W. Rob Bratton, P.C. Pat Carter, Treasurer Cris Perry and Clerk Linda Ash.

The meeting was called to order. No one signed up for the Public Forum.

Minutes were read for the Sept. 15 meeting and the Special Storm Drainage Meeting. The storm drainage meeting was well attended. Motion to approve all minutes was made by Trustee Shoraga, second Songer, all yeas.

CLAIMS REPORT

No additions to the claims report were made. Motion to approve claims and pay the bills was made by Trustee Williams, second Price, all yeas.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cris has several adjustments this month. B. Maple, signed form, V. Christie, signed the form, T. Lovekamp, did not sign form. Cris figured a 1, 2, and 3 week adjustment for Terry's apartment. A motion to approve all adjustments that have been signed and approve Terry's upon his signature was made by Trustee Williams, second Shoraga, all yeas. The house on Jackson Street owned by D. Wright has had the meter pulled. Water service cannot be turned on until the entire bill has been paid. Wright still owes over \$600.00

Motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Trustee Shoraga, second Lovekamp, all yeas.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Rob has received the signed paper for the Vulgamott building-it will be torn down at the end of the week or the first of next week.

Rob has the new pump for the lift station. He had to order a box for the capacitors and they are not changed out yet. The basket is still catching a lot of materials-it needs to be emptied out twice a week. It is a lot easier to pull with the new guide rods.

Curbing has been replaced at Monroe and Hunt, and Monroe and South Street. There have been several places filled in, and a new sidewalk will be poured that crosses the railroad track at Madison Street. The sidewalk on Abraham is completed. Still waiting for the permit from the state for the water line under the highway at the old Price service station.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

Pat reports that calls are up for the month-118 for assistance. Cisco report shows a profit of \$598.23 for the month. Price of gas is down and that resulted in a little savings.

NEW BUSINESS

Computer Techniques was present tonight. They are taking over the One Eleven internet business. They are looking for a location for their equipment that would serve the entire town and not just certain areas. They would like to use the water tower for their equipment. If the water tower is not available, they would have to use the grain elevator and not high enough for their purposes. The antennas would be attached to the handrails by u-bolts and there would be four (4) antennae's. They offer high speed DSL and the basic package is \$45 a month. They will loan out the

equipment to the customers so there is no extra cost there, and there are no long term agreements. They will need to run the equipment to electricity and would need access to that source. If equipment interferes with village equipment, such as the radios and transmitters for the water tower, their equipment will have to be removed. There is work scheduled for the water tower in the spring. This will included replacing the ladder and catwalk to be in OSHA compliance. The tower will also be sandblasted and painted in the spring.

The contract will specify the number and size of the antennae, beef up number eight (8) of proposal, if interference-right to remove, pay a lease of \$125.00 a month as the Village will not need their services. Motion by Trustee Williams to accept contract with Computer Techniques subject to attorneys approval and changes suggested. Second by Trustee Shoraga, all yeas.

The lease for the Mental Health Department to use part of the Village offices was entered into in 2006. This first agreement called for no payment for rent from the MHD. The Village will revisit the issue in 6 months and keep the option of rent open. Motion by Trustee Price, second Songer to extend the lease for 6 months, all yeas.

OLD BUSINESS

Edward's property-Monday is tax day. Wait and see if anyone bids on it, County claimed they would buy properties and re-facilitate it.

TIF-Nothing to report

Drainage-Last two days have seen a crew in town doing surveys. One area they have to wait for crops to be taken out so they can try to find the flow.

E-Pay-Trustees Williams and Shoraga met with state representatives of this program. Two options would fit the Village. One is to accept credit cards or checks online for payment or a card swipe in the office. There will be a 3% fee to the customer and the Village would have to but the equipment. The basic plan is over the internet. There will be no fee or charge. All money received goes into a state money market account and the Village has immediate access to the funds. Motion by Trustee Williams to set up a basic E-Pay plan, second by Trustee Songer, all yeas.

CDAP Grants and survey-Rob will contact FOTH about this.

Casey's-A supervisor was here and reported they would like to start by the end of the month. Would like to get building framed up and have the winter to work on the inside.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

Lyle-Lots of compliments concerning newsletter but people have a hard time reading the colored paper. Suggest we stick with white or pastel colors.

Brad-There is a need for security cameras in the parks especially. May possible be able to use internet as feed for cameras. Need a security camera for the PS vestibule so the emergency phone can be used.

Ill Department of Natural Resources will be discussing a flood map for Piatt County on Thursday, Nov. 13 at 1:00pm at the County Courthouse. Representatives of the Village are encouraged to attend.

Motion to adjourn entered at 8:25 pm by Trustee Lovekamp, second Williams, all yeas.

Village Clerk 10/20/08