

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting for the Village of Cerro Gordo  
November 21, 2022**

The monthly meeting of the Mayor and Board of Trustees met at 6:00 PM on November 21, 2022 in the village hall. The following members were present: Mayor Frazier, Trustee Hyde, Trustee Frydenger, Trustee Keirl, Trustee Walsh, Trustee Powers, Trustee Embree, ADPW Jereme Endrizzi, Attorney Susan Nicholas (via phone), and Interim Clerk & Collector Tanya Frazier. Clerk Tina McCarty, DPW Mark Blickensderfer and Treasurer Samantha Schenkel absent.

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PUBLIC FORUM**

- Ms. Katie Helm, representing the Lord's Storehouse Food Pantry, asked to use the Civic Center Bay on the following Saturdays: Feb 25, Mar 21, and Apr 22 to distribute food to local resident's. President approved use.
- Ms. Shirley Wright, representing the Library, addressed the board in reference to 207 E South Street building continued collapse and the new sections that have recently falling off.

**I. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approve minutes: October 17, 2022
- B. Approve claims report
- C. Approve financial reports

No further discussion and a MOTION to approve the consent agenda was made by Trustee Hyde, seconded Trustee Kierl. Roll Call: all Yeas. Motion carried by Omnibus Vote.

**II. WATER ADJUSTMENTS**

- A. Motion was made by Trustee Embree seconded by Trustee Frydenger to approve water adjustment for Douglas Daily October/November Water bill \$292.97 to \$120.93. Roll Call all yea.

**III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. Discussion / Action on Water Main Project**

IEPA approved loan increase. President signed letters certifying all bills in connection with the loan project were paid and assurance of efficient operation and maintenance of the public water supply facilities the loan was used for.

**B. Discussion / Action on water tower/controls update – No update**

**C. Discussion / Action for residential solid waste collection**

Awarded to Waste Management. Draft Contract in review with one revision requested. President will sign once all revisions complete.

**D. Discussion on 207 E South Street**

Lawyer is engaging in stipulation discussions with Library and Luthy Lawyer's on demolition of building. Feher Graham, Matt Johnson, provided an update on the bid documents: earlier bid dollar figures are going to be "shot out of the water" due to the complexities involved with supporting the building infrastructure and protecting the Library. The original estimate of \$80K will more likely be 3-4 times that amount. Lawyer discussed the implications if the barrier was not put in place to protect the library. Mr. Johnson asked for more time to deliver the bid documents – 1<sup>st</sup> week in December. Estimating the costs to be about \$160-\$170K to take down 207 E. South St building, about \$120-\$130K for Library protective structure, and about \$50-\$60K for a new exterior wall. Total estimate (about) \$300-\$400K, which will be in the supplied bid specs. There was a discussion on emergent versus emergency situation to expedite bidding/contractor selection, nothing decided. As soon as the bid specs are received, there may be a special meeting to accept / vote on bid to let for expedited contractor quotes / bids.

**E. Discussion / Action on MFT / Drainage Fund Spring 2023 project development**

- 1. Prioritize / vote on 2023 MFT projects – Fehr Graham will have items to discuss in January Monthly Meeting**

- 2. Vote on professional services for Carter Street drainage project development** – Fehr Graham will schedule surveys with DPW input to video specific sewers.
- 3. Vote on professional services for South Street sidewalk improvement / ADA compliance study** – to be scheduled in the future
- 4. Discussion on proposed new drainage project 2** – Tabled indefinitely

#### **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Discussion / Action of Salvation Army Red Kettle location / allowance** – Ms. Danielle Chalfant, from Salvation Army, asked for permission to post and ring bells at the intersection of South Street and Jackson on 30 Nov from 5-7 PM for the purposes of ringing the bell and collecting donations for the Red Kettle Committee. She explained that when the SA and RKC ring bells in communities, it gives them access to National dollars to help families in need in those communities. Motion was made by Trustee Embree, Seconded by Trustee Walsh, to allow SA/RKC to post and ring bells on 30 Nov from 5-7PM. Roll Call, all yeas.
- B. Adoption of Stipulation for Demolition of 207 E. South Street** – Lawyer Nicholas provided an update on the stipulations of the building demolition and stated the owner of the property agreed to buy back taxes. Library agreed to contribute \$15,000.00 to demolition costs. Lawyer asked for President to sign Stipulation agreeing to the above. Motion was made by Trustee Hyde, Seconded by Trustee Kierl, to accept stipulation as written to be signed by President. Roll Call, all yeas.
- C. Discussion / Action on bid specifications for Demolition of 207 E. South Street and authorizing bid letting** – See previous discussion update. Fehr Gram, Tom Overmeyer mentioned there will be a requirement for an asbestos inspection. Fehr Graham to provide details.
- D. Discussion on 2023 Consolidated General Caucus / Consolidated General Election** – Caucus to be held on 5 December at 6PM
- E. Discussion / Action of Ordinance 6-4A-2: Inoculation and License Requirements** – President discussed current Ordinance and the requirements for Village Tag. Previously license taxes were used to pay for animal control and use the information to find animal owners. As the Village no longer employs animal control, and Villagers use Facebook to help locate animal owners, the license tax is antiquated and recommends amendment to ordinance to strike the requirement. Motion was made by Trustee Hyde, Seconded by Trustee Kierl, to amend for adoption Ordinance 6-4A-2: Inoculation and License Requirements to remove requirement for Village License Tax/Tag. Roll Call, all yeas.
- F. Discussion / Action on Adoption of Ordinance No. 676-2022, abatement of G.O. Bond Series 2020 payment for Principal and Interest Due in amount of \$61,838.00.** – Motion was made by Trustee Hyde, Seconded by Trustee Embree, to approve Ordinance No. 676-2022, abatement of G.O. Bond Series 2020 payment for Principal and Interest Due in amount of \$61,838.00. Roll Call, all yeas.
- G. Discussion / Action on Adoption of Ordinance No. 677-2022, Tax Levy for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.** Motion was made by Trustee Hyde, Seconded by Trustee Powers, to approve Ordinance No. 677-2022, Tax Levy for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. Roll Call, all yeas.
- H. Discussion / Action on Credit Card Increase for Clerk and DPW Visa Credit Cards** – Clerk Frazier discussed limitations on current Village credit cards in the amount of \$1000.00 and ordering items that exceed that amount, all previously approved in annual budget. Clerk asked for the limit to be raised to \$2500.00 to facilitate future purchases without having to break them up amongst the two separate credit cards. Motion was made by Trustee Hyde, Seconded by Trustee Kierl, to increase Village Credit cards, held by Tina McCarty and Mark Blickensderfer, to the amount of \$2500.00. Roll Call, all yeas.
- I. Discussion / Action on NS Grant in the amount of \$5000** – President Frazier notified the Board that Norfolk Southern wanted to Grant the Village \$5000.00 in restricted funds to be used for exactly what the Board determined. Motion was made by Trustee Walsh, to use \$2500.00 for the Civic Center and donate \$2500.00 to the Fire Department. No Second, motions dies. Motion made by Trustee Keirl, Seconded by Trustee Embree, to use \$5000.00 on Civic Center improvements. Roll Call, all yeas.

#### **V. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

## **VI. TRUSTEE REPORT/PRESIDENT REPORT**

**Jeff Powers** – Questioned timeline of ADPW testing– ADPW said soon.

**Joe Frydenger** – no update

**Nick Hyde** – no update

**Ryan Keirl** – will propose a date for committee meeting to review ordinances

**Jennifer Embree** – will mail ordinance comments to Trustee Kierl

**Connie Walsh** – Discussed blocking off South Street for Christmas on the Hill with Judy's Kitchen, no concerns. Notified the Board S. Street will be blocked off for Christmas on the Hill, DPW previously approved.

**Jereme Endrizzi**

**Kevin Frazier** – Notified the Board the Energy Consultant Good Energy was unsuccessful in finding discounted energy for the Village through the CO-OP we are a part of. Therefore all Village residents will revert to Ameren Power, unless they choose to source power elsewhere.

**No further business came before the Board and a Motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Hyde, seconded by Trustee Kierl, at 7:13pm. roll call: all yeas.**

Tanya A.C. Frazier

Interim Village Clerk & Collector