

Minutes for the Village of Cerro Gordo

AUGUST 26, 2008

A special meeting was held on Aug. 26 in the Municipal Building for the purpose of discussing drainage, approving a liquor license for the Legion, and the progress on the old Vulgamott Building. Those in attendance were: President Jim Morgan, Trustees Brad Williams, Lyle Shoraga, Terry Lovekamp, Carol Huff, Ron Price, Mike Songer, and Clerk Linda Ash. Also present was Director of Public Works, Rob Bratton.

The meeting was called to order and Dave Happ was here to talk about the drainage project the Village would like to start. Also present at this time were Drainage District # 13 Commissioners, Trent Brandenburg, Suzanne Shambaugh, and John McRae as the discussion was aimed towards the drainage district. The Village needs to find the district mains and if any laterals are tying into it. There was an intake in the field and it needs to be found again.

Dave will use the district maps and the Village map to try to find these lines. There will be three stages of the project. The first will be to meet with everyone who has a drainage problem. This could be at a public meeting. The second stage would be maps and surveys and find the tiles. The third stage will be calculations for size of pipes and ditches and cost estimates. Planning for this project would take 2-3 months. The engineering firm could survey the entire town which is what Dave recommends. That way, the survey is complete and will be useful for other projects. It will show where all the water mains and valves are, among other things. The cost for this would be \$15,000 whereas it would only cost between \$7-8,000 just for the south east section of town. Motion by Trustee Williams to survey the entire town but to concentrate on the south east section for now. Second entered by Trustee Lovekamp. Roll call vote: Trustee Williams, yea, Shoraga, yea, Lovekamp, yea, Huff, yea, Price, yea, and Songer, yea.

Water and sewer project-proposed water and sewer lines on property in the new TIF district. The cost of the water and sewer lines is the responsibility of the developer. Dave gave an estimate for that project. The cost would exceed \$350,000 with \$114,000 for sewer which includes 10 ft pipe and 7 manholes, and \$129,000 for a water main.

Grants and surveys

The grants available are called CDAP grants. These are to be used for infrastructure-water mains and lines. A design grant is available for \$150,000 with a 25% match from the municipality. A construction grant would be \$350,000-25% match based on need, finance of citizens. An income survey would have to be taken and the Village needs 50% of the residents to be in the low to moderate level to qualify. This survey would be good for 2 years. The water committee would like to replace water mains and lines in the older part of town. There are some due dates for these grants. The income surveys would be due by January 13, 2009 and the grant application due by February 19, 2009. These are federal funds administered by the state. Motion by Trustee Songer, second Huff to take part in the income survey to procure grant funds, all yeas.

The Board moved to the liquor commission on a motion by Trustee Shoraga, second Williams to approve the American Legion liquor license. Motion to approve license made by Trustee Williams, Huff, all yeas. Motion to return to regular session made by Trustee Songer, Williams, all yeas.

The mayor received a call from someone from the railroad. They would put in a bid for demolition. Nothing can be done until utilities are removed. Also the handicap ramp needs to be fixed. It has some warped boards and loose boards. The PA system will be postponed for now. By turning off the furnace in the dentist office, that eliminates that noise.

Motion to adjourn at 8:24 made by Trustee Shoraga, Huff, all yeas.

Village Clerk 8/26/08