

Minutes for the Village of Cerro Gordo

Sept. 21, 2009

The monthly meeting of the Mayor and the Board of Trustees was held on September 21, 2009 at 231 East South Street. The following members were present: Mayor Lyle Shoraga, Trustees Brad Williams, Dennis Ridgeway, Mick Tirpak, Ron Price, and Shamarie Allen. Trustee Carol Huff was absent. 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. The public forum was held first.

S. Lange presented petition to board against proposed location of skate park

C. Eads against golf carts on street after dark

L. Sebree against vacated alley as it will affect her entrance to her garage

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

CLAIMS REPORT

A payment to Jereme Endrizzi for sidewalk work will be included in claims. The amount is \$8037.00 and will be paid out of MFT. So far he has completed 564 foot. Motion to add to claims, and pay all claims, made by Trustee Tirpak, second Ridgeway, all yeas.

TREASURER'S REPORT

In the financial report, all CD's have matured and have been rolled over. They are not due until 2010. There is a short shut off list this month. Several house on the list are foreclosure properties. Trustee Ridgeway wants us to be more aggressive on shut offs.

Two adjustments for the month. One to J. Morris on Franklin Street property, cows turned water on at spigot, and the other to J. Strode on property on Washing ton Street. There was a broken water line. Morris is the only one who has signed an adjustment form. Motion to approve pending signature made by Trustee Williams, second Price, all yeas. Motion by trustee Williams to approve the financial statements, second Ridgeway, all yeas.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Drainage project on Madison Street is completed. Sewer by pass work is done. There was a main break Saturday and it has been repaired. Work will begin in the south end of town on some culverts next week. The Village will use the township ditch bucket as the Village does not own one. Road salt for the winter will come in November or December, depending on the weather. The Village is locked in with the state on price and quantity. Town cleanup is Oct. 3.

POLICE CHIEF REPORT

Pat passed out paperwork for the Cerro Gordo and Cisco reports. So far the police department has completed 233 ordinance enforcements. The resident at 200 N. Jackson will be notified that he will have to move as there is no running water at the residence.

Attorney's fees are not recoverable in court. There is a weed problem on North Jackson Street and on Madison Street. The total bills on Shawn Cain are \$1416.00. Friday is homecoming and the police will start the parade. Pat asked the Board for permission to allow his son to ride in the squad car to toss out candy. The DOT was doing a traffic survey by the Casey's store on Friday. They were set up in Dennis Ridgeway's driveway.

NEW BUSINESS

David Lehman was at the meeting to discuss the layout of a subdivision to be built on South Madison Street. It will be called New Horizons Subdivision and will be on property owned by Ted Shambaugh. It will be a three lot subdivision, ½ acre lots. All utilities are on Madison Street. There will be a 10 foot easement along the fence by the football field. Motion to approve the subdivision made by trustee Williams, second Allen. Roll call: Trustee Williams, yea, Ridgeway, yea, Tirpak, yea, Price, yea, and Allen, yea.

Dave Rawlings reported that the zoning board met on Sept. 17, 2009 at 313 W. Franklin for the purpose of changing the special use permit for tom Hyde RV Park to allow for six trailer slots instead of five. The zoning board recommends the change be made. Motion by Trustee Williams to change special use from five to six slots, second Allen. Roll call vote, trustees Williams, yea, Ridgeway, yea, Tirpak, yea, Price, yea, and Allen, yea. Also zoning board member Dan Shay has resigned from the board. The board accepted Dan's resignation and the mayor then appointed Dick Buckley to fill that term. Motion to appoint Dick was made by Trustee Ridgeway, second Tirpak, all yeas.

In another matter, Dave thanked the village for their help in disposing of excess brush from the habitat site.

In the matter of vacated the alley between Lincoln street and Washington street, Trustee Williams states there is no need to vacate the alleys. It needs to stay open as the alley does get used. No action was taken and thus the alley will stay open.

The golf cart ordinance revisions will be tabled until it can be looked into closer.

Clean up commons area-the area needs trees and bushes trimmed. A request for a bid was received from S&S for the project. The board suggest mark talk with Teresa Cripe about trimmings. Also Brad made a motion to allow \$500 for the project, second Ridgeway. Roll call vote: Trustees Williams, yea, Ridgeway, yea, Tirpak, nay, Price, yea, Allen, yea.

The donation to the Mahommet Aquifer will be tabled for now also.

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing new to report on old business. The drainage feed back for the drainage district and landowners is not very good, So far the Village has received one positive response, one phone tag, and one that doesn't want to be involved. Once the crops are out of the fields the area can be surveyed.

TRUSTEE REPORT

Mick-wanted to make the statement that the work does not get done overnight.

Ron-was approached about the skate park site.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The mayor reported that the Village received a safety award from IMRLMA for 2008.

There is a CIMOA meeting to be held in Savoy on Oct. 22. Rep. Chapin Rose will be the guest speaker. Reservations are due by Oct. 14.

Police Chief Pat Carter called for a closed session 120/2 C-1 to discuss personnel and litigation.

Trustee Williams made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting to move to closed session at 8:45 pm, second by Ridgeway, all yeas.

Regular session resumes at 9:27 pm A motion was made by Trustee Price to pay bills concerning Shawn Cain, second by Williams. Roll call: Trustees Williams, yea, Ridgeway, yea, Tirpak, yea, Price, yea, Allen, yea.

Motion to adjourn at 9:29 pm made by Trustee Ridgeway, Price, all yeas.

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