

Minutes for the Village of Cerro Gordo

March 15, 2010

The monthly meeting of the Mayor and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Cerro Gordo met at 7:00 pm at 231 East South Street. The following members were present: Mayor Lyle Shoraga, Trustees Brad Williams, Mick Tirpak, Dick Seitz, Ron Price, and Shamarie Allen. Also present were Atty. Colette McCarty, P.C. Pat Carter, Assist. D.P.W. Mark Blickensderfer, Treasurer Cris Perry, and Clerk Linda Ash. Trustee Dennis Ridgeway was absent.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by the mayor.

The first order of business was the Public Forum. Resident C. Eads wants the village to contact the States Attorney's office to instruct personnel on how to conduct a meeting and a closed session.

S. Grote, acting as chairman for the CG Post Prom committee, asked about a donation as a follow-up to a letter received by the mayor.

S. Hayes from Hope Welty Library expressed interest in a Farmers Market to be sponsored by the library and was asking if the Village would be interested in helping to sponsor said endeavor.

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

CLAIMS REPORT

A list of additions and a revised copy of the claims was handed out to all trustees by Clerk Ash. The monthly bills for Ameren IP and Verizon have not been received yet due to the early date of the meeting. Clerk Ash would like to pay them when they are received. Motion to pay claims was made by Trustee Tirpak, second Seitz. Roll call: Williams, Tirpak, Seitz, Price, Allen, yea.

TREASURER'S REPORT

All CD's have been taken care of-new CD's need to be signed. The next ones mature in July. Motion to approve the financial report made by Trustee Williams, second Tirpak, all yeas. The mayor reported that the sales tax has doubled since the same time as last year.

There are no adjustments for this month. Ed Horton, our programmer was here, and along with Cris worked on some adjustments. She needs to get Vista off her computer and have Windows 7 added in its place. We are not able to use our PC Anywhere program with Vista and this is vital for updates and troubleshooting. Trustee Williams will secure the program.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Rob is ill to day and is unable to attend the meeting.

The leak under the highway has been fixed. It was not a main break but a service line. When questioned why Burdick was called in to help with the job, Mark responded that the Village does not have the necessary equipment to cut through the concrete and it was also in a bad area in regards to traffic. Rob has also received an estimate to rebuild the brine pump. Meters are being read this week.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

Chief Carter passed out activity reports for Cisco and Cerro Gordo. The department worked 12 hours in Cisco for a profit of \$244.28. The Cerro Gordo report showed 98 calls for assistance, 18 traffic stops, 6 traffic citations, 2 village ordinance citations, 6 written/verbal warnings, and 1 criminal arrest. IDOT has asked if the department would be interested in participating in the "Ticket or click-it" program. IDOT would pay for a portion of the PD salaries. Pat has

prepared a resolution for the purchase of state and federal surplus items. This resolution involves the entire Village-any department can participate. Motion made by Trustee Williams to pass the resolution, second Price. Roll call: Trustees Williams, yea, Ridgeway, absent, Tirpak, nay, Seitz, yea, price, yea, and Allen, yea.

OLD BUSINESS

Edwards Property-talked to archives department. They claim they can help. Will get forms filled out and hopefully we will receive the information we need. Adams Street-we can send certified mail and go from there. No one is sure of her location.

Madison St.-owner is in hospital in Springfield. Chief Carter served L. House with a notice to abate the property. There have been several complaints of the mess outside the home. May have to get a crew to clean up the mess.

Drainage-No update. There will be a drainage meeting on Wed, Mar. 17, 2010 at 10:00 am in the Village Hall. The Village needs to be in contact with the drainage district for further discussion. There will also need to be an agreement with the drainage district and the Village in regards to maintenance.

TIF-Colette has been in contact with Julian at EDR in regards to certification and reports, maps and boundary lines.

Code of Ordinances-One company-Sterling Codifiers has expressed an interest in the project. American Legal publishers estimated a cost of \$5,000-\$6000 for the entire project, online capabilities included. This could be budgeted over two years. She has heard nothing from Illinois Municipal League.

Mayor Shoraga has received a letter from the post-prom committee asking for a donation for the prom. This will be on the agenda for next month.

A motion was entered to move to closed session, 120/2 C-1 for personnel, by Trustee Allen, second Tirpak, all yeas, at 7:40pm.

Regular session resumes at 8:15 on a motion by Trustee Allen, Price, all yeas. A motion to pay Pat for a week of vacation was made by Trustee Williams, second Tirpak, all yeas. Pat will be working during this time.

Health insurance -vote on freezing amount paid currently on health and dental, dependent on family or individual. Any increases will be paid by the employee. Motion made to freeze insurance was made by Trustee Williams, second Tirpak, all yeas.

Copies of resumes of job applicants will be issued to trustees prior to special meeting. This meeting will be held on March 22, 2010 at 7:00 pm.

TRUSTEES REPORT

Trustee Tirpak has been driving around, he would like to work with the MFT engineer. Curbing needs work in several places, grade school area, fence by the football field, bars on drainage pipe by the football field, estimate on drainage for Lincoln St., KVC Apts need to get parking fixed. Before construction begins, the Village should be contacted. Need culverts in some driveways. Vehicle at Agar's-attorney is to talk to insurance carrier.

Trustee Allen-estimates for pergola. Concrete is the biggest expense. Contact the high school building program about building the pergola.

A budget meeting will be held April 7 at 10:00 am with the finance committee and department heads. No further business was conducted and the meeting adjourned on a motion by Trustee Allen, second Price at 8:34 pm.

Village Clerk 3/15/2010