

## **Minutes for the Village of Cerro Gordo**

**December 20, 2010**

7:00 pm

The monthly meeting of the President and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Cerro Gordo met on Dec. 20, 2010 at 231 East South Street in Cerro Gordo, IL. Those present were Temp. Mayor Brad Williams, Trustees Dennis Ridgeway, Mick Tirpak, Dick Seitz, Ron Price, and Shamarie Allen. Also present were Atty. Colette McCarty, D.P.W. Mark Blickensderfer, P.C. Pat Carter, Treasurer Cris Perry, and Clerk Linda Ash.

The meeting was called to order and a public forum was held. Resident Joe Hyde had questions for the Mediacom rep who didn't come to the meeting due to weather and road conditions. Resident Kim Payton has questions about the sign of demolition in front of her house on Durfee St. The first hearing concerning this house is in mid Jan. If she has a new owner, they are to contact Mayor Williams, or the attorney-Susan Nicholas or Colette McCarty.

### Consent Agenda

An addition to claims was made for Frontier, Scotty's Pest Control, and RSNLT. Only one adjustment for the water department, shut-offs will not occur until after the first of the year. No additions to the police report or to the public works report. A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Trustee Ridgeway, second Seitz. Roll call: Ridgeway, Tirpak, Seitz, Price, Allen, and Williams, all yeas.

### Unfinished Business

The TIF Joint Review Board met on Dec. 3, 2010. The Village should see an increase in TIF revenue in the 2011 year when Casey's is added to the tax rolls.

Feb. 11, 2011 is the court date for the owner of the house located at 115 S. Adams St. The company handling the codification of the ordinances sent the contract back so a new contract can be signed. Everything is the same. As the contract has already been approved, a motion was made by Trustee Price, second Ridgeway to approve the contract dated Nov. 23, 2010, all yeas.

The fees for building/demo permits will all be put on one sheet and the attorneys office intern will do this work. Drainage-Property owner would like to have a water line run to his new house in the country. He would like the village to pay for the pipe and he would install it. He also would like to sell the 40 ft of property needed for the easement.

### New Business

Rezone South Jackson St. The zoning board met on Nov. 24 to recommend that the area where Dollar General is building, known as 405 S. Jackson, be rezoned from residential to business. A motion was made by Trustee Ridgeway to rezone property from residential to business, second by Trustee Tirpak. Roll call: Trustees Ridgeway, Tirpak, Seitz, Price, Allen, and Williams, all yeas. A request has been made to approve the plat of property that will show where the road and building will be placed. The plat shows lot 3 which will become Village property for the road and lot 2 which will become Dollar General. Motion to approve the plat of Williams Subdivision was made by Trustee Seitz, second Price. Roll call: Trustees Ridgeway, Tirpak, Seitz, Price, Allen, and Williams, all yeas.

Dawn Mann, as a representative of the Cerro Gordo Preschool, has asked the Board for matching funds of a fund raiser they are planning. Also during Fat Hill Fest, she would like to sponsor a volleyball tournament and asked about using different parcels of land around the Village. She is looking at 3 sites but the Village only owns one of these sites. She would have to contact the other property owners.

Taisha Chapman, representing the Post Prom Committee, approached the board for a donation for post prom. The Board has always participated in the past. A motion was made by Trustee Ridgeway to make a \$500 donation, second Allen. Roll call: Trustees Ridgeway, Seitz, Price, Allen, Williams, all yeas, Tirpak, nay.

The tax levy and the abatement ordinances were presented by the attorney. A motion by Trustee Ridgeway to approve the abatement ordinance 556-2010 was made, with a second by Seitz, all yeas. The tax levy was presented next. Levy for the maximum amount. The IMRF, Social Security and Unemployment amounts were lowered and the audit amount was raised. Motion to approve tax levy ordinance 557-2010 was made by Trustee Allen, second Ridgeway, all yeas.

A resolution was presented stating that the Village of Cerro Gordo authorizes funding for the Southeast Utility Extensions Project, including sanitary sewer, water main, and storm sewer components, and that the project will be funded completely by the Village of Cerro Gordo. Motion to approve resolution made by Trustee Allen, second Ridgeway. Roll call: Trustees Ridgeway, Tirpak, Seitz, Price, Allen, and Williams, all yeas.

A donation from the Womens Club for \$400 and a donation from the regional Development Committee for \$400 will go towards the purchase of furniture for the pergola. The remaining cost will be around \$1600 plus shipping and handling. A motion by Trustee Seitz to purchase the furniture but to wait and order it in Feb. or March, was made with a second by Ridgeway. Roll call: Trustees Ridgeway, Seitz, Price, Allen, Williams, all yeas, Tirpak, nay.

A motion was made at 8:35 pm by Trustee Allen, second Ridgeway to go into closed session, 120/2 C-1 to discuss compensation for employees.

A motion was made by Trustee Seitz, second Allen to return to regular session at 8:41 pm, all yeas.

A motion was made by Trustee Ridgeway, second Price to approve Christmas bonuses for the employees, \$100 to full time and \$50 to part time, all yeas.

The bid openings for the Southeast Utility Project were opened today at 2:00. They are not ready to be awarded. The engineers will check the background of the bidders. The Village is required to accept the lowest responsible bid. There was no further business to come before the board and the meeting adjourned at 8:44 on a motion by Trustee Seitz, second Price, all yeas.

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Village Clerk 12/20/2010