

Minutes for the Village of Cerro Gordo

June 20, 2011

The monthly meeting of the Mayor and the Board of Trustees for the Village of Cerro Gordo met on June 20, 2011 at 7:00 pm at 231 E. South Street. The following members present: Mayor Brad Williams, Trustees Tim Allen, Dennis Ridgeway, Mick Tirpak, Dick Seitz, Mike Gross, and Mike Martin. Also present were Atty. Susan Nicholas, P.C. Pat Carter, D.P.W. Mark Blickensderfer, and Clerk Linda Ash.

The meeting was called to order.

Public Forum

L. Steen brought pictures of animals and an open well on property across the street from her. T. Piraino asked about placement of a memorial tree and a plaque for Justin Nichols. The mayor suggested that he wait until the park around the pond is completed.

L. Bailey asked about drainage on Lincoln Street.

Consent Agenda

Three additions were added to the claims report. Motion by Trustee Gross, second Seitz to approve the consent agenda, all yeas.

Unfinished Business

A. TIF So far, the only business to take advantage of the TIF district has been Ridgeway Enterprise. Dennis applied before he was a board member.

B. 115 S. Adams St. Letter to owner asking for consent to enter property has been sent-no reply. There are 14-15 days left for this procedure. There are options to follow-new title search and proceed to court. Procure an administrative warrant-which states that the court gives the Village the right to go into the house.

C. Codification In progress

D. Demo/building fees-on hold

E. Drainage SE extension change order sent in. Completion date is July3-15. Entler is pumping water from the site. Water test came back ok. They will bore under the highway for the storm sewer casing and pipe. There is a problem with water flow from Casey's. The Drainage District has issues with this because of the mix of fuels from the drive.

F. Ameren Building Ameren is working with the fire department to use for training.

G. Allen Williams land contract Currently at a standstill.

H. Community center Trustee Allen had some fees from towns the size of Cerro Gordo. Feels this is not the right time to pursue.

New Business

A. Casey's Liquor Application Motion by Trustee Ridgeway to move to liquor commission, second Seitz, all yeas. This is a renewal application for Casey's. All paperwork is filed properly and Atty. Nicholas gives her approval. Motion to approve application made by Trustee Gross, second Seitz, all yeas. Return to regular session on a motion by Trustee Ridgeway, second Allen, all yeas.

B. Budget Motion to approve the budget for the 2011-2012 fiscal year made by Trustee Gross, second Allen. Roll call: Trustees Allen, Ridgeway, Tirpak, Seitz, Gross, and Martin, all yeas.

C. Prevailing Wage Ordinance # 559-2011 Motion to approve made by Trustee Gross, second Tirpak, all yeas.

D. Appropriations Ordinance 560-2011 This ordinance does not tie in with the budget. This money comes from the government and cannot be increased by more than 5%. Motion to approve Ordinance #590-2011 made by Trustee Ridgeway, second Tirpak, all yeas.

E. Mowing prices/commons area. Previously the Village charged \$50 an hour and increased to \$125 an hour for weed ordinance. This resulted in a high mowing bill for the railroad. Table for now.

F. Credit card for Village Table for now-leave on agenda

G. North Drainage ditch There is a tile that goes north of Oakley Road and flows into a ditch north of the sewer plant. Needs repairs but is not on Village property, but benefits the Village. The property owners want to do repairs and the Village pay 1/3 of the costs. Next year or so will need to replace the tile that flows to the ditch. Motion to approve payment up to \$2,000 for tile repair/materials made by Trustee Tirpak, second Seitz. Roll call: Trustees Ridgeway, Allen, Tirpak, Seitz, Gross, and Martin, all yeas.

H. Benches for downtown area Business owners bought some benches and the Village purchased 4 of its own for Fat Hill seating. Motion to approve Trustee Martin, second Gross, all yeas.

I. South St Improvements The mayor would like to have any broken sidewalks repaired, and cracked sidewalks have a filler placed in them. Also would like to see the small strip of grass in front of parking area around commons removed, perhaps a stamped concrete. It takes time to mow and hard for snow removal. The public grounds committee will get some prices for this.

Trustees Report

Trustee Martin would like the Bailey situation taken care of. It needs to be done. Asked about the number of police officers on duty. Part time officer Leischner is currently on sick leave.

Trustee Tirpak would like to see some street corners patched up, there are some soft spots. Trustee Ridgeway The semi turning down S. Washington Street is legal to do so as long as the trailer is empty. Trustee Allen Looked into ordering GPS systems for vehicles but need a credit card to do so.

There are two bids to look at that have been handed out prior to the meeting. The north and east side of the Municipal building needs to be repainted along the roof.

There is one bid from D&R Roofing. One is for the sewer plant. There has been no maintenance done on it since it was build. Patching needs to be done. This is emergency work and can be done for \$450.00. Also the roof on the municipal building need to be replaced. Replace next year and bid this project out.

A motion was made at 8:40pm to move to closed session on a motion by Trustee Martin, second Gross, all yeas for 120/2 C-1 personnel.

Motion to resume regular session made by Trustee Ridgeway, second Allen at 9:12 pm. Motion to adjourn as there was no more business to discuss at 9:12 by Trustee Ridgeway, second Seitz, all yeas.

Village Clerk 6/20/11