

Minutes for the Village of Cerro Gordo

April 16, 2012

The monthly meeting of the Mayor and Board of Trustees met at 7:00 pm on April 16, 2012 at 231 E. South Street. Those present include: Mayor Brad Williams, Trustees Tim Allen, Dennis Ridgeway, Dick Seitz, Mike Gross, and Mike Martin. Trustee Mick Tirpak was not present. Also present were P.C. Pat Carter, D.P.W. Mark Blickensderfer, Treasurer Stacy Henderson, Atty. Susan Nicholas, and Clerk Linda Ash.

No public forum was held as no one signed up.

Consent Agenda

There have been additions to claims with the Illinois Power bill still to come. There was a question about the quantity of sidewalk work done and what was expected to be done. The Village can opt to hold the entire amount of the bill to be paid until all work is done or 10% of the total bill. Trustee Martin thought there was specific amount of work to be done but the project was just bid out at a per foot price. We are paying for what was completed. PW report-nice job on the alley behind the Village Hall. Mark will look into having the stump at Born Park ground down. It is all that remains of a storm damaged tree.

Motion by Trustee Ridgeway to approve claims and pay Aubie's Concrete Contractors subject to completion of project and approval of sidewalk committee, second Gross. Roll call Trustees Allen, Ridgeway, Seitz, Gross, and Martin, all yeas.

Water Adjustments

No adjustments for this time.

Unfinished Business

- A. Codification The Board is entitled to 5 hard copies, will need a color and this can include a logo of the Village. Hope to have a final version by July 2012.
- B. Mitigation Plan-tabled, have not received a copy yet.
- C. Defibrillators The Village has immunity in certain cases and this narrows when getting away from regular duties with the police department. This could subject the Village to liability. The Board has to decide if the risk is worth it. The fire department just asks that the defibrillators be compatible with what they currently use. Motion by Trustee Ridgeway, second Seitz, to purchase two(2) defibrillators compatible with the fire departments. Roll call: Trustees Allen, Ridgeway, Seitz, Gross, and Martin, all yeas.
- D. Boulevard Ordinance Table

The Board deviated from the agenda and the following minutes follow that deviation.

New Business

- A. Liquor License for fair
Motion by Trustee Allen, second Ridgeway to move to liquor commission, all yeas. The Piatt County fair is requesting two(2) liquor licenses for the fair this summer. One license will run on June 19 from 4:00pm Tuesday -1:00am Wed. June 20, June 20 4:00pm Wed -1:00am Thurs. June 21, and June 21 from 4:00 pm-1:00am Friday June 22. The second license will run from June 22 4:00pm-1:00am June 23, June 23 12:00pm-1:00am June 24, and June 24 12:00pm-10:00pm. The attorney has approved both applications. Trustee Allen made a motion to approve the first application dated June 19-June 22, second Gross, all yeas. A motion by Trustee Allen to approve the second application dated June 22-June 24 was made, second Gross, all yeas.

Motion to return to regular session made by Trustee Ridgeway, second Seitz, all yeas.

Motion to move to closed session at 7:25 for 120/2 C-1 personnel made by Trustee Gross, second Allen, all yeas.

Regular session resumes at 8:40 pm on a motion by Trustee Allen, second Seitz, all yeas.

Engineer Dennis Cummins was present and gave an update on the SE Utility Project. He has sent a letter to Entler Brothers and needs to know how to proceed. The time line for the project follows: July 15, 2011 was the completion date. Sewer was in by Aug. 9, 2011. The cost estimate for a pump station is added along with the cost to fix the sewer line. The board wants this taken to arbitration. Pending litigation, all future discussion of this project will be done in closed session.

In other business the bid date for the drainage project is set for May 3, 2012 at 2:00. A pre-bid meeting will be held on April 26, 2012 at 10:00 am in the Village Hall. The meeting will include talk of easements and other issues.

- E. West Ordinance Violation - Citation issued for accumulation of debris and tires, inoperable vehicle. Deadline of today to pay fine. Vehicle is located on south side of house and cannot be seen from the street. Mr. West claims the vehicle is operable and licensed. He also finds it appalling to deal with petty violations when there have been so many break ins. Ticket was issued in November but Officer Mudd issued a citation in Aug of 2011. Mr. West is putting the vehicle in a shed once it is completed.
No break ins had occurred at the time of the first citation. Supposedly, Mr. West told Officer Mudd to get off his property and the Mayor asked the police Chief to take care of the issue. The issue if remedied eliminates the nuisance issue. Motion to drop issue made by Trustee Gross, second Seitz. Roll call: Trustee Martin, Gross, Seitz, yeas, Ridgeway, Allen, nay pending litigation to be discussed in closed session. Communication would have been timely in this case. The mayor asked for a token \$25 to settle the issue.
- F. Pond rules/ signs - The Village does not own the pond yet but we do need to start thinking about rules and regulations concerning the pond and park. Signage should be in place before the closing on the park or the day of closing. Susan has a draft ordinance for all the Village parks. Mark as D.P.W. will be in charge of the parks and Mark and the police department will have full authority. Signs should have a list of restrictions and a fine. Some proposed names for the pond and park are Veterans Park as the Village would like to see a Veterans memorial there in the future and Griswold Pond, named after the original name of the Village.
- G. Pond rip-rap - T.J. Shambaugh stated they can start anytime . The board would like to have it done in May. The pond filled up quickly and will have to be pumped down to put the rip-rap in. The contract with Shambaugh expires today, April 16.
- H. Sell squad car - The Chevy Impala has some issues that could cost upwards of \$3,400 to fix. The pros and cons of keeping or selling are at issue. Table for now.
- I. Buy squad car - Pat will look into some options for a possible purchase. Table for now.
- J. Water line agreement w/Ted Shambaugh - The last agreement the Village had with Mr. Shambaugh called for a water main which could be very costly. Looking to put in a service line instead. The attorney would like to some some progress on what is going on to date and will want an indemnification clause to protect the Village as a byproduct. His line will only service Shambaugh and the Oakley Brick Church.
- K. Budget - The finance committee is estimating more in income due to the addition of Casey's and Dollar General. The budget can be adopted in May. This preliminary budget is our guideline for the year. Table for now. Water rates will need to be increased and Mark and the water committee will meet to discuss water increases.

A closed session was called for personnel 120/2 C-1 at 9:30 pm on a motion by Trustee Ridgeway, second Allen, all yeas.

Regular session resumes on a motion by Trustee Gross, second, Seitz, all yeas at 10:40 pm.

Motion to accept the resignation of Larry Leischner as a part-time police officer for the Village was made by Trustee Ridgeway, second Gross, all yeas.

Motion by Trustee Ridgeway, second Gross to give Ryan Nuding a 6% pay raise. Roll call Allen, nay, Ridgeway, yea, Tirpak, absent, Seitz, yea, Gross, yea, and Martin, yea.

Motion by Trustee Seitz, second Gross to give Mark Blickensderfer a 6% pay raise. Roll call: Allen, nay, Ridgeway, yea, Tirpak, absent, Seitz, yea, Gross, yea, and Martin, yea.

Motion by Trustee Martin, second Seitz, to give Pat Carter a 3% raise. Roll call: Allen, Ridgeway, Seitz, Gross, and Martin, all yeas, Tirpak, absent.

Motion by Trustee Martin, second Gross to give the collector a 4% raise on the collectors portion of salary only. Roll call: Trustees Allen, Ridgeway, Seitz, Gross, Martin, all yeas, Tirpak, absent.

Part-time police officers will not get a raise at this time on a motion by Trustee Ridgeway, second Martin, all yeas.

Also part-time summer help will remain at \$9.00 an hour on a motion by Trustee Ridgeway, second Seitz, all yeas.

Trustee Report

Trustee Martin noticed that several areas have been filled, rocked and rolled. Mark worked on the alley and did a good job.

Trustee Ridgeway asked about weed ordinance violation letters to Carnahan property.

No further business and a motion to adjourn at 10:50 pm was made by Trustee Seitz, second Gross, all yeas.

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