

Minutes for the Village of Cerro Gordo

Dec. 19, 2012

The monthly meeting of the Mayor and Board of Trustees was held on Dec. 17, 2012 at 6:00 pm located at 231 East South Street. The following members were present: Mayor Brad Williams, Trustees Tim Allen, Dennis Ridgeway, Mick Tirpak, Dick Seitz, Mike Gross, Mike Martin, Atty. Susan Nicholas, P.C. Pat Carter, D.P.W. Mark Blickensderfer, Treasurer Stacy Henderson, and Clerk Linda Ash. The meeting was called to order at 6:00.

Public Forum

- A. Public Hearing of Comprehensive Plan of the Village of Cerro Gordo – The map is still the same. No one had any comments
- B. Public Hearing for the Cerro Gordo Business District - The mayor reported getting a phone call from a resident stating they were happy to see this plan. There were no other comments made.

Consent Agenda

Claims that have been added include bills from Illinois Power, IMCO, Scotty's Pest Control, Frontier, and RSNLT. Motion to approve the consent agenda made by Trustee Gross, second Allen, all ayes.

Water Adjustments

One adjustment to report this month. M. Tuttle had a leak, it has been fixed, and all paperwork has been signed. Motion to approve made by Trustee Ridgeway, second Tirpak, all ayes.

New Business

- A. An Ordinance to Abate Taxes #584-2012. This ordinance concerns the Village's ability to borrow money and to repay it, pledge tax money. Motion to approve made by Trustee Ridgeway, second Allen, all yeas.
- B. Tax Levy Ordinance 585-2012 This ordinance has to be filed with the county every year and before the end of December. Motion to approve tax levy made by Trustee Gross, second Seitz, all yeas.
- C. Christmas Bonuses -closed session
- D. Post Prom Donation Rodd Runyen asked the board to consider a donation to the High School Post Prom Committee. They have activities for the high school students after prom to keep them safe and ensure a fun filled evening. This year they are going back to the Mattoon YMCA where they get a lot of bang for their bucks. The Village has donated anywhere from \$500-\$1000. Trustee Seitz made a motion to donate \$750, second by Gross, all yeas.
- E. Ordinance 586-2012-An Ordinance Adopting an Official Comprehensive Plan of the Village of Cerro Gordo. This ordinance deals with the business district. Motion to approve by Trustee Seitz, second Gross, all yeas.
- F. Annual review of closed session minutes
- G. Agreement of Refuse Collection Services Contract and Addendum to Agreement for Refuse Collection Services Susan was not happy with language in the original contract, happy with the addendum. It is a fair contract. Motion to approve the contract and the addendum made by Trustee Seitz, second Martin, all yeas.
- H. A motion was entered to move to closed session at 6:15 for the discussion of compensation of employees 120/2 C-1, and the semiannual review of closed session minutes 120/2 C-21 by Trustee Tirpak, second Gross, all yeas.

A motion to return to regular session at 6:30 was made by Trustee Gross, second Seitz, all yeas.

A motion was made by Trustee Allen to give Christmas bonuses of \$100 to full time and \$50 to part time employees, second Ridgeway. Roll call: Allen, Ridgeway, Seitz, Gross, Martin, all yeas, Tirpak, nay.

Mayor Williams had a copy of a TIF check for Dennis Ridgeway regarding TIF reimbursement for him. He entered into this agreement before he was on the Board.

A motion was made by Trustee Gross, second Seitz that on the advice of the attorney, all closed session minutes be retained, all yeas.

The board finally has an agreement from the Drainage District. Motion to approve agreement subject to attorney and engineer approval made by Trustee Allen, second Gross, all yeas.

Trustees Report

Martin-asked how much of the oil and chip project east of the school the Village paid for. The Village only entered into an agreement to pay \$2000 of the total cost. Also some questions about the pot holes in front of the bus barn. People maintain their own boulevard and driveways. Mike also asked if they will put a screen across the pond outlet so no fish are lost when TNT lowers the pond level for the rip rap project.

Ridgeway-has received calls about the bad sidewalk on Wait and Adams Street.

Mayor's Report

Brad received a report from the state concerning the revenue from the gambling machines. The average is \$98 per machine. Energy aggregation meeting from Dec. 11 will result in a 28.41% savings for the Village. Price should be .04009 per kilowatt and will be supplied by Home Field Energy. Opt-out letters will go out Dec. 18-Jan. 4, 2013. This will be a 17 month contract,we got the best price for tier 2 and encompasses over 1/2 million households. The TIF reimbursement for D. Ridgeway was handled by our TIF representative, Julian Jacquinn. He did all the calculations.

No further business to go before the Board and a motion to adjourn was entered by Trustee Martin, second Gross, all yeas.

Village Clerk 12/17/12