**Village of Cement City**

**Council Meeting Minutes**

October 10, 2013     7:00 p.m.                        Village Hall                   Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Cement City Village Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.  Attendance:  14 Citizens present.  Members present:  James Ellis, Mel Cure, Dave Vescelius, Larry Babinger, and Bill Bendele.  Clerk Carol Ladd and Treasurer Chari Cure were present.

**Departments**Police:  Chief Elwell reported on police activity.  Fire:  No Fire Report.

**Guest Speaker-** No guest speaker.

**Minutes Reviewed**-Regular Meeting minutes of the 9-12-13 meeting were reviewed.  Motion made by Cure, second by Vescelius to accept the Regular minutes as presented.  Ayes all, motion passed.  Special Meeting minutes of the 9-23-13 meeting were reviewed.  Motion made by Cure, second by Vescelius to accept the special minutes as presented.  Ayes all, motion passed.  Special Meeting minutes of the 10-3-13 meeting were reviewed.  Motion made by Cure, second by Vescelius to accept the Regular minutes with correction.  The motion to table the decision to enforce the zoning violation was made by cure and second by ~~Bendele~~ Babinger. Ayes all, motion passed.

**Receipt of Treasurer’s Report**-Report reviewed by all.  Motion made by Cure, second by Vescelius to accept the September Report subject to audit.  Ayes all, motion passed.

**Presentation of Existing Bills**- Motion made by Cure, second by Vescelius to pay all of the bills.  Ayes all, motion passed.Babinger commented on nicety of Jackson Street. Wheaton added that streets will be swept and sealed soon.

**Staff Progress Reports-**Zoning:  Trumble submitted and read a report on zoning activity. Ellis complimented Trumble on the report. Ellis told Trumble to attempt notification to owners of the old Hair Doctor and after 10 days, DPW to clean up yard and add expense to taxes. Trumble suggested a change in the zoning ordinance to include a “15-day posting” to allow the village to act on any property. Clerk to add suggestion to Zoning Commission agenda.

DPW:  Tim Wheaton updated council on activity including mowing, trailer clean-up, grant application, and roadwork. Wheaton followed up with JCRC due to the contractor’s sloppy stone work when the roadwork took place. He stated that JCRC came back out and cleaned up the area nicely. Fog seal to take place soon.

Wheaton proposed a shut off valve between the garage and fire barn for safety. Wheaton to get a quote for project.

Wheaton invited everyone to the grand opening of the museum at 2:00 p.m. The Masons will offer cider and snacks.

Wheaton has performed winter maintenance on the International truck. Bendele suggested that a safety inspection DOT be performed on the truck as it is 4 years old.

**Old Business**Motion made by Cure, second by Vescelius to have our DPW employee maintain monthly cleaning of the Village Hall. Ayes by 4, no by Bendele. Motion passed.

**New Business**

Trick or Treat will be held in the Village of Cement City on October 31 from   
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

The Planning Commission met on Tuesday, October 8 at 6:00 p.m. and recommended a change in the zoning ordinance. Wittenberg suggests that the kennel reference would stay in AG but the change would allow for a conditional use in RS=1 section 4.2.1.B.8 The change would not automatically allow for kennels. It would allow a property owner to apply for the conditional use which would then go to the commission and would be followed up with a recommendation by the commission to the council for decision making.

Vescelius says leave the ordinance as it is.

Trumble clarified that kennel by our zoning definition is 3 or more dogs.

Ellis clarified conditional use process that allows for a hearing and for citizens to voice concerns.

Babinger states that the change gives the village legal binding and gives citizens a chance to make the request. He asked residents to describe the current situation. Mohr told Babinger that the dogs were running under the gate and loose just Tuesday night.

Vescelius said to cease the kennel. Bendele concurred.

Motion made by Bendele, second by Vescelius to enforce the current ordinance and look to the future for change to zoning. Discussion took place. Cure stated he would like to see the conditional use updated. Babinger stated he would like to stick to the 30 day promise to react and to hear how mediation with the lawyers is coming along. However, Babinger stated that he sees that the frustration has elevated.

Roll call vote was taken: Cure, no; Babinger, yes; Ellis, no; Vescelius, yes; Bendele, yes. Motion passed 3-2.

Motion made by Ellis, second by Vescelius to adopt and publish the planning commission’s recommendation with verbiage made correct by legal direction. Roll call vote was taken: Cure, yes; Babinger, yes; Ellis, yes; Vescelius, yes; Bendele, yes. Ayes by all, motion passed.

**Good & Welfare**Motion made by Ellis, second by Vescelius to adjourn.  Ayes by all, motion carried.  Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Submitted by Carol Ladd, Clerk

Approved by James Ellis, President