

Village of Cement City Council Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2021

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: 4 Citizens present. Members present: Jeff Cratsenburg, Carrie Shafer, Zach Karnaz and Cathy Senkewitz were present. Clerk Carol Ladd and Treasurer Chari Cure were present. Weber was absent.

Departments

Police: Chief Niles reported. Chief Niles reported. A question arose about the demolition at Woodstock and Jackson Street. Terry Early to look into the status of the uncovered hole.

Guest Speaker-none.

Minutes Reviewed- Regular Meeting minutes of the 3-11-21 meeting were reviewed. Motion made by Cratsenburg, second by Senkewitz to accept the Regular minutes. Ayes all, motion passed.

Receipt of Treasurer's Report-Report reviewed by all. Motion made by Senkewitz, second by Cratsenburg to accept the March Report subject to audit. Ayes by all, motion passed.

Presentation of Existing Bills- Motion made by Senkewitz, second by Cratsenburg to pay existing bills. All ayes, motion passed.

Staff Progress Reports-

DPW: Wheaton submitted a report. He has been looking at the tornado siren functionality/new battery. An electrician has been called. Looking at potholes and working with the Road Commission on quotes. Survey for the dry hydrant was completed Tuesday. It's flagged and ready for next steps. Motion made by Senkewitz, second by Cratsenburg to allow Mel Cure to be in contact directly with Lukas Law regarding the dry hydrant. All ayes, motion passed.

Zoning: Terry Earley is working with Consumers to expand their fence. Everything seems to be in line with zoning laws.

Planning: A meeting was held April 5th welcoming the new member.

Old Business –Planning a socially distanced parade and Tim is looking for volunteers. Drive thru parade with no gathering or food. Carol to look at the speaker.

Spring Clean-Up is scheduled for May 15 from 8:00 a.m. - noon. We need a volunteer to check ID to ensure that only citizens are utilizing the service. Zach is in charge of signs.

New Business –Tim is working with Jackson County Road Commission on Local and Major Streets. They stated the roads are in good shape. Tim recommends that we start a rotation on repairs to keep them in good shape. Jim Cole explained that the Chip/seal process we've been using has become less effective. He suggests we add 1.5" of Asphalt to fill in cracks and chunks. Local Street quotes include the 2 blocks of Brooks Street (Perrin to Parker) is bad. The cost of the repair was quoted at \$12,400.

Cary Road needs a facelift at a quote of \$43,625. The Major Street quote for the full run of Parker Street was quoted at \$51,250. There will be a 5% service charge to cover added costs of private contractors. Tim, Zach, and Cole will work on possible grant opportunities. Motion made by Senkewitz, second by Cratsenburg to allow Zach Karnaz to pursue a grant for DOT roads. Ayes all, motion passed.

Budget needs were discussed for the preliminary May budget. Additional lawyer fees are needed to be budgeted to help with blight problems. Motion made by Senkewitz, second by Cratsenburg to hold the Special Budget Meeting on June 10 at 6:30 p.m. right before the regular meeting. All ayes, motion passed.

Clerk to publish Noxious Weeds Ordinance in the Exponent.

Clerk presented Jackson Community Foundation Mini Grant availability. Motion made by Senkewitz, second by Cratsenburg to spend up to \$500 on flowers and work with the gardening committee to beautify the village. Ayes all, motion passed.

Public Participation- Mr. Williams asked about junk being hauled in by his neighbor.

Good & Welfare Motion made by Senkewitz, second by Cratsenburg to adjourn at 8:45. Ayes all, motion passed.

Submitted by Carol Ladd, Clerk
Approved by Zach Karnaz, President