**Village of Cement City**

**Council Meeting Minutes**

December 12, 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: 6 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. The report included the hiring of a new reserve who is a veteran of Afghanistan.

Fire: No Fire Report.

**Guest Speaker-** No guest speaker.

**Minutes Reviewed**-Regular Meeting minutes of the 11-14-13 meeting were reviewed. Motion made by Cure, second by Vescelius to accept the Regular minutes as presented. Ayes all, motion passed.

**Receipt of Treasurer’s Report**-Report reviewed by all. Motion made by Cure, second by Vescelius to accept the November 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 by all, motion Passed.

**Staff Progress Reports-**

Zoning: Trumble submitted a written report. It included a consultation with Babinger regarding landscaping. Trumble stated that no permits were needed. The cleanup of satellites at 505 Main Street is due by January 1. Owners of the old Hair Doctor stated that the property will be going back to the bank and cleanup is unlikely. A ramp at 223 Carey Road was approved.

Council asked Trumble to send a letter to 115 Perrin Street asking for the cleanup of debris and makeshift shed within 30 days. Motion made by Vescelius, second by Babinger to get rid of structure and clean up yard. Ayes by all, motion passed.

Vescelius asked for clarification of 15 day posting idea. Trumble clarified that the 15 day posting to request action at properties would require a zoning ordinance Motion made by Babinger, second by Vescelius to have the Planning Commission discuss potential of a 15-day posting. All ayes, motion passed. Babinger asked to have the Planning Commission on the agenda in January to set up a calendar to meet regularly.

Bendele brought in meeting minutes from May of 2003 where a motion was made in request that complaints be submitted in writing before the council acts. Discussion took place and council agreed that complaints put in writing allow for better communication and follow through. However, council clarified that the motion should not prevent the zoning officer from conducting regular drive throughs and acting accordingly.

DPW: Tim Wheaton updated council on maintenance activities including new Christmas décor and garage winterization activities. Bendele informed Wheaton that Chris Rowland has offered services to help with sidewalk clearing this winter. Bendele offered discussion on need for sweeper for the sidewalks. Motion made by Bendele, second by Vescelius to purchase a blade for the tractor up to $400. Ayes by all, motion passed.

Motion made by Vescelius, second by Cure to purchase a Kuereg coffee pot for the office. Ayes by all, motion passed.

**Old Business**

Vescelius asked about the dog kennel issue. Ellis stated that there was no word from the lawyer. Vescelius said that is unacceptable. Motion made by Vescelius, second by Bendele to send a letter to Irwins stating that they get rid of the dogs. Additionally, a copy of the minutes and the letter to be sent to the Lucas. Ayes by all, motion passed.

Ellis stated that the Hickman house is supposed to be evacuated by 12-15-13 and then the village has the right to knock it down

Bendele requested that the issue between him and the village be dropped due to lawyer fees before going to court on Monday. He stated that he will be moving his office by spring. Ellis stated that the process is already scheduled for court.

**New Business**

None.

**Good & Welfare**

Motion made by Ellis, second by Cure to adjourn. Ayes by all, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. Vescelius wished the audience a Merry Christmas.

Submitted by Carol Ladd, Clerk

Approved by James Ellis, President