**CAIRO VILLAGE BOARD**

**MINUTES**

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday,

September 14, 2015, 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall, Cairo, Nebraska. On roll call the following members were present: Bellamy, Heger, Johnson, Marr, Sorensen; Absent: None. It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Marr to approve the agenda as prepared. Ayes: Bellamy, Heger, Johnson, Marr, Sorensen; Nays: None.

The Board reviewed the Hall County Sheriff’s Dept. report. A deputy was present to discuss any concerns or problems. There was a total patrol time of 46 hours and 40 minutes for the month of August. There was an additional 5 hours and 3 minutes reported on detail. There was no time reported by the Criminal Investigations Division. With there being no further discussion or comments, the report will be placed on file.

The Board reviewed the preliminary agreement between the Village of Cairo and Mike Lowry dba “Planter Paradise” that was prepared so he can move forward with the construction of his building at the Business Park. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Sorensen to approve and sign the preliminary agreement with Mike Lowry. Ayes: Heger, Johnson, Marr, Sorensen, Bellamy; Nays: None.

A motion was made by Bellamy, seconded by Sorensen to open the Budget Hearing at 7:10 p.m. Ayes: Johnson, Marr, Sorensen, Bellamy, Heger; Nays: None. The Board reviewed the budget as it was prepared. It was stated that the total tax asking is $259,631.00 which is for the fiscal year that runs from October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016. Since some changes were made with the budget summary, it is required for the village to republish the new figures. With there being no further questions or comments from the Board and no comments from the public, it was moved by Sorensen, seconded by Bellamy to close the budget hearing at 7:45 p.m. Ayes: Marr, Sorensen, Bellamy, Heger, Johnson; Nays: None.

It was moved by Sorensen, seconded by Johnson to approve exceeding the allowable growth rate by 1%. Ayes: Sorensen, Bellamy, Heger, Johnson, Marr; Nays: None.

Bellamy made a motion to approve & sign Resolution #09-14B-15 pertaining to the Interlocal Agreement with the Hall County Board of Supervisors for the purpose of having the Hall County Sheriff’s Dept. provide law enforcement for the Village of Cairo. Motion was seconded by Marr. Ayes: Bellamy, Heger, Johnson, Marr, Sorensen; Nays: None.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Sorensen to approve & sign Resolution #09-14D-15 pertaining to the Interlocal Agreement between the Cairo Rural Fire District and the Village of Cairo for the sharing of fire services. Ayes: Heger, Johnson, Marr, Sorensen, Bellamy; Nays: None.

Bellamy made a motion to approve the 2015-2016 budget as prepared, seconded by Johnson. Ayes: Johnson, Marr, Sorensen, Bellamy, Heger; Nays: None.

Ordinance #442, pertaining to Annual Appropriations, was introduced to the Board. Johnson moved that the Statutory Rule requiring the reading of ordinances on three different days be suspended and that Ordinance #442 be considered for passage upon reading by title only, seconded by Sorensen. Ayes: Marr, Sorensen, Bellamy, Heger, Johnson; Nays: None. Ordinance #442 was read by title only. Sorensen moved for final passage of Ordinance #442, seconded by Johnson. Ayes: Sorensen, Bellamy, Heger, Johnson, Marr; Nays: None.

A motion was made by Bellamy, seconded by Marr to open the special hearing to set the final tax request at 8:00 p.m. Ayes: Bellamy, Heger, Johnson, Marr, Sorensen; Nays: None. With there being no further questions or comments, it was moved by Bellamy, seconded by Marr to close the special hearing at 8:10 p.m. Ayes: Heger, Johnson, Marr, Sorensen, Bellamy; Nays: None.

It was moved by Bellamy, seconded by Johnson to approve and sign Resolution #09-14A-15 pertaining to setting the final tax request. Ayes: Johnson, Marr, Sorensen, Bellamy, Heger; Nays: None.

Ordinance #443, pertaining to water rates, was introduced to the Board. Bellamy moved that the Statutory Rule requiring the reading of Ordinances on three different days be suspended and that Ordinance #443 be considered for passage upon reading by title only, seconded by Sorensen. Ayes: Marr, Sorensen, Bellamy, Heger, Johnson; Nays: None. Ordinance #443 was read by title only. Marr moved for final passage of Ordinance #443, seconded by Johnson. Ayes: Sorensen, Bellamy, Heger, Johnson, Marr; Nays: None. The Chairman declared Ordinance #442 passed and adopted. These new rates will become effective on the October bill. The new rates will be as follows: ¾” meter - $26.00 per month plus $1.20 per 1000 gallons; 1” meter - $37.55 per month plus $1.20 per 1000 gallons; 2” meter - $55.30 per month plus $1.20 per 1000 gallons; 3” meter - $114.00 per month plus $1.25 per 1000 gallons.

Ordinance #444, pertaining to sewer rates, was introduced to the Board. Sorensen moved that the Statutory Rule requiring the reading of Ordinances on three different days be suspended and that Ordinance #444 be considered for passage upon reading by title only, seconded by Bellamy. Ayes: Bellamy, Heger, Johnson, Marr, Sorensen; Nays: None. Ordinance #444 was read by title only. Johnson moved for final passage of Ordinance #444, seconded by Marr. Ayes: Heger, Johnson, Marr, Sorensen, Bellamy; Nays: None. Chairman Heger declared Ordinance #444 passed and adopted. The new rates will increase $1.00/month and will also take effect on the October bill. This will make the new rate $35.00/month and $33.00/month per unit for multi-family users.

There was a brief discussion on increasing the miscellaneous fee on the water bill. Action was tabled so the miscellaneous fee will stay at $2.50 per month.

There was a brief discussion and review of the agreement between the Village of Cairo and the Rural Fire District setting provisions on cost sharing between the entities which were adopted last year. The Village Board felt that the agreement looked fine to them and didn’t see any adjustments that need to be addressed. Steve was going to have the Rural Fire District review and make sure they are still fine with the agreement as adopted last year. With there being no further questions or comments, it was moved by Sorensen, seconded by Johnson to leave the agreement on the provisions on cost sharing with the Cairo Rural Fire District as approved last year. Ayes: Johnson, Marr, Sorensen, Bellamy, Heger; Nays: None.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Marr to appoint Jaye Monter as Cairo’s interim representative (for Dick Heckman) on the Regional Planning Commission due to his health issues. Ayes: Marr, Sorensen, Bellamy, Heger, Johnson; Nays: None.

A motion was made by Marr, seconded by Sorensen to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as published. Ayes: Sorensen, Bellamy, Heger, Johnson, Marr; Nays: None. The September claims were read and after a brief discussion, it was moved by Sorensen, seconded by Bellamy to approve and authorize payment. Ayes: Bellamy, Heger, Johnson, Marr, Sorensen; Nays: None. Bill list attached and made part of these minutes. The Clerk gave the treasurer’s report and the individual fund balances were reviewed by the Board, on motion by Marr, seconded by Johnson to approve the treasurer’s report as prepared. Ayes: Heger, Johnson, Marr, Sorensen, Bellamy; Nays: None.

The Board reviewed the Letter of Agreement with Olsson Associates for services on the business park annexation and subdivision. It was moved by Sorensen, seconded by Bellamy to approve and sign the Letter of Agreement for Professional Services and the Scope of Services on the annexation and subdivision plat at the business park. Ayes: Johnson, Marr, Sorensen, Bellamy, Heger; Nays: None.

A motion was made by Bellamy, seconded by Marr to approve and sign Amendment #1 to the Agreement for Professional Services for the Business Park Annexation & Subdivision since the Board decided to subdivide a larger area that originally was planned. Ayes: Marr, Sorensen, Bellamy, Heger, Johnson; Nays: None.

The Board reviewed the request from Mike Smith to place a 500 gallon propane tank at his place which would only be used to run his generator in case of a power outage and will not be used to supply gas to anything other than the generator. With no further discussion, a motion was made by Sorensen, seconded by Bellamy to approve this request contingent that it is placed on east side of the utility poles off any right of ways and that it be more in the middle of his property to be more balanced from properties on either side of his property. Ayes: Sorensen, Bellamy, Heger, Johnson, Marr; Nays: None.

The Board reviewed the Conditional Use Permit for U-Betcha Autos for their car lot that will be located on the Herman Brothers property along Hwy 11. They are asking for a letter to be written stating that they are in compliance with zoning laws so that they can obtain their dealers license. A motion was made by Sorensen, seconded by Johnson to approve & authorize the Clerk to write a letter to the State stating that all zoning regulations are met and that the Board will address all formalities at their regular Board meeting in October. Ayes: Bellamy, Heger, Johnson, Marr, Sorensen; Nays: None.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Bellamy to approve and sign the Letter of Agreement with Olsson Associates for services to update the 2005 Blight & Substandard Determination Study for the Redevelopment Study Area #2. Ayes: Heger, Johnson, Marr, Sorensen, Bellamy; Nays: None.

It was moved by Sorensen, seconded by Marr to approve the transfer of $3100.00 from the Sales Tax acct to the Village’s checking acct for the approved work at the Community Center by Dibbern Home Improvements. Ayes: Johnson, Marr, Sorensen, Bellamy, Heger; Nays: None.

Heger give a report from the Sales Tax Committee on the project to re-do the windows and outside of Senior Center. The south side of the building is in need of repair before the winter. It will be fixed to match the front on the north side of their building. Two bids have been received and discussed. The costs for repair will be coming from sales tax revenue. Heger will move forward with getting the contractor lined up.

Approval of the franchise agreement with Charter Communications was tabled.

Due to a discussion on personnel wages, the Chairman asked to go into closed session. It was moved by Marr, seconded by Johnson to go into closed session at 9:35 p.m. Ayes: Marr, Sorensen, Bellamy, Heger, Johnson; Nays: None. A motion was made by Sorensen, seconded by Bellamy to leave closed session at 9:40 p.m. Ayes: Sorensen, Bellamy, Heger, Johnson, Marr; Nays: None. It was moved by Sorensen, seconded by Bellamy to give approve a .50 cent cost of living raise for the following employees which will make their base hourly pay as follows: Cornell Pollock - $20.70/hour; Steve Oseka - $18.70/hour; Susan Kluthe - $18.70/hour and Christy Osburn - $13.00/hour. These raises will take effect after October 1, 2015. Ayes: Bellamy, Heger, Johnson, Marr, Sorensen; Nays: None.

Any special reports from the committees were discussed: A. *The* Finance/Budget committee had nothing further to report. B. The Parks/Cemetery/Community Center/Pool committee had nothing further to report; C. The Personnel Committee had nothing further to report; D. The Ordinances/Contracts committee had nothing further to discuss; E. The Equipment/Building Improvements Committee had nothing to report; F. Charity Adams, the Community Development Director, was present to give a report on ongoing projects in the community and to give updates on the Steering Committees. The library committee has met and has come up with many donations of books but will continue to try and find a site for a library and to work out the financing of this project. She also reported that the Veteran’s Memorial Committee will be meeting to continue working on a Veteran’s Memorial. The next regular meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, October 13, 2015 @ 7:00 p.m.

With there being no further business to come before the Board, on motion by Sorensen, seconded by Bellamy, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

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Chairperson Clerk

I do hereby certify that notice of this meeting was published and posted and that the agenda was posted as required by law.

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Clerk