

## CAIRO VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, March 15, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall board room, Cairo, Nebraska. On roll call the following members were present: G Sorensen, Dibbern, Bellamy, and M Johnson. Absent: J Johnson. It was moved by Bellamy, seconded by M Johnson to approve the agenda as prepared. Ayes: M Johnson, G Sorensen, Bellamy, and Dibbern. Nays: None.

An approval for the previous meeting minutes which were typed up and copied by the clerk was made on motion by M Johnson which was seconded by Bellamy. Ayes: 4. Nays: 0.

Deputy Moline with the Hall County Sheriff's Department was present to go over the sheriff's report, a total of 37.80 hours on patrol, 16.25 hours on detail and 0.00 hours on criminal investigative detail were recorded. The deputy made aware to the board that once the sheriff's department is done going over the budget with the county they will proceed and review with us. He made the board aware of a string of thefts that recently happened and wanted to make the board aware the person(s) has been caught and dealt with, still advises the community to not leave vehicles unlocked or valuables inside at night hours. The clerk and deputy both had a couple concerns which they addressed with the deputy, more information was given on a code type and the clerk let the deputy know of a situation regarding an atv, the deputy will patrol and also suggested if we let the department know they could go speak with the atv user. At this time the department will patrol at certain hours to see if that corrects the issue.

At 7:06 pm a public hearing regarding the acceptance of a redevelopment plan of lots 3 through 18 at the industrial park was opened on motion by Bellamy, seconded by M Johnson. Ayes: Bellamy, M Johnson, G Sorensen, and Dibbern. Nays: None. A small discussion regarding TIF procedures and how this project will proceed were brought up and at 7:10 M Johnson made a motion to close the public hearing, this was seconded by Dibbern. All board members voted aye on this agenda item. Resolution 03-15-2021; redevelopment plan; redevelopment project and related actions was approved on motion by Bellamy, seconded by M Johnson. Ayes: G Sorensen, Bellamy, Dibbern, and M Johnson. Nays: None.

Trent Lilienthal was present to discuss some land north of Birdie Blvd up at the golf course that he is interested in purchasing and then subdividing. He would like to purchase the land and instead of the 15 acre chunk he would like to break it down into four 5-acre parcels. He is wanting to know if he would have access to or be instructed to hook onto city sewer and water. Some questions were brought up about access for fire protection back into the area, what type of streets would be provided. He explained that he would probably just put in a private drive but would like to drill his own well. A few ideas were discussed and at this point he has agreed to sit down with Community Developer Charity Adams and get more specifics and information from both parties.

Next on the agenda was Barb Robertson with the Sales Tax Advisory Committee, she was present to discuss projects which have requested sales tax funds, one project was submitted and recommended and that was the food pantry renovation. The idea for the renovation is to turn the garage which sits on Dorothy Simpson's old property that the Baptist church has purchased into a more stable building to house the food pantry, to insulate it, put in electrical and plumbing and to put up steel siding and repair the roof. The sales tax advisory committee recommends giving this project the \$3500 which was requested. Barb also went over the updated application and guidelines for such requests. Bellamy made a motion to approve the \$3500 to the food pantry renovation project and Dibbern seconded the motion. Ayes: Dibbern, Bellamy, M Johnson, and G Sorensen. Nays: None.

After discussing the matters of selling land to the golf course so they can add some volleyball courts to the area by the playground at last meeting, deputy clerk Osburn contacted village attorney Denise Myers and she recommends that the village still own the bathroom and playground but that they could sell that small piece of land to Centura Hills. She said she would draw up the paperwork

after both parties had agreed to how much land would be needed. The village will sell the land to Centura Hills for \$1 with the stipulation that any costs accrued be split between both parties, M Johnson made a motion to approve this agenda item, the motion was seconded by Dibbern. All board members voted aye on this agenda item.

At last month's meeting the clerk let the board know she was approached by a company named Groundswell Group to decorate the camel in the month of May for skin cancer awareness, the board all agreed this sounded like a great idea, a motion was made by M Johnson and seconded by Bellamy to move forward with this project. Ayes: M Johnson, Dibbern, G Sorensen, and Bellamy. Nays: None.

An approval for a zoning permit for Brad & Josie Lindell to add a garage to their residence of 412 Nubia street was tabled at last month's meeting, after Bellamy spoke with the Hall County Building Inspector there will need to be further provisions made before this permit can be accepted, at this time the Village of Cairo will deny this zoning permit. Hall County Building will contact the Lindell's about further steps which need to be taken before the permit can be accepted. A motion to deny the permit was made by Bellamy which was seconded by M Johnson. Ayes: Bellamy, M Johnson, Dibbern, and G Sorensen. Nays: None.

The next item on the agenda was the approval of the March claims and February payroll, a few questions were asked and answered by the clerk and deputy clerk, M Johnson made a motion to approve the claims and payroll and Bellamy seconded. Ayes: G Sorensen, M Johnson, Dibbern, and Bellamy. Nays: None.

Deputy Clerk Osburn noted that the interest rate on the lagoon project loan has lowered from 1.5% interest to .50% interest, decreasing the payment from \$62,877 to \$54,384, this loan is through DEQ, after reviewing the treasurer's report, which was provided by the clerk, the treasurer's report was approved on motion made by M Johnson, seconded by Bellamy. All board members voted aye on this agenda item.

A discussion on adding a historical marker in town to signify the history of Cairo and how it came about was brought to the ladies in the office attention by both Sherri Kissler and Ken Harders. The Hall County Historical Society will be celebrating their centennial in the years 2022-2023 and would like each town within the county to be a part of the celebration. Each town is able to purchase a single post marker (80 words) or double post marker (180 words), the single post is \$2300 and the double post is \$6000, the town decides the location and the wording and the historical society does the rest. Some ideas for possible locations were the vet's memorial, community center, or by the camel. It was a unanimous decision that we could put this in the next fiscal year's budget and the location would be beside the camel.

The last item on the agenda was a discussion on the contract the village has for landscaping work performed now by Denny & Jayne Reimers who have let the board know this will be their last year. Deputy Clerk Osburn has typed up a job description and will post it on the Cairo Facebook page. Any inquiries should call the village office. The job will be posted now so towards the middle of the season Denny & Jayne can show the new applicant their process of the job. The village will advertise the job and see about inquiries and then discuss wages. A discussion was then brought up about the maintenance of the vet's memorial park, snow removal was not done this past winter and who is going to mow and take care of the weed pulling this summer. Charity Adams will discuss this with the vet's committee and see if anyone would like to volunteer to do this work or if it needs to be budgeted for.

On old business the splash pad company who Deputy Clerk Osburn has been in contact with will come next month to show a presentation. The metal Christmas tree will be tabled until next year due to lack of communication from certain parties. One abandoned vehicle will be towed away soon, other vehicles at another property have been gotten rid of as well.

Committee reports were as followed: Economic Development: nothing to report; Finance/Budget: an updated debt schedule was given to the board by the deputy clerk, need to think about putting into budget the paving of the industrial park streets; Parks/Cemetery/Community Center/Pool: the clerk reminded the board the women's restroom door on the outside needs to be replaced before the pool season begins; Personnel: nothing to report; Ordinances/Contracts: nothing to report; Equipment/Building & Office Improvements: nothing to report; Water/Sewer: nothing to report.

There was a member of the community at the meeting who wanted to share his thanks from several kids for being able to open the pool this season. The kids are very happy.

Charity Adams, Community Developer, has been talking with two separate prospects for lots at the industrial park, one will more than likely be at the meeting next month and ask to purchase two lots, the other is about 60% a yes. April 17<sup>th</sup> at the Cairo Community Center is a north ballfield bathroom fundraiser featuring comedian Kris Covi, event starts at 7:30, cocktail hour begins at 6:30, this event is for ages 21 and over. June 6 will be the new date for the Community Foundation Kinkaider beer flight golf tournament. May 6<sup>th</sup> is Go Big Give, there will be a cruise night as well, The Vault will stay open later hours that night also.

Deputy Clerk Osburn shared this year's theme for Corn Stalk which is Big Heart, Small Town USA, she shared there are a lot of new members on the committee this year and it should be a very fun and successful event. Clerk Rathman shared a few concerns which were brought to her attention by a citizen, one being the maintenance of the vet's memorial park, which was already discussed, another being why the Nebraska place road was taken off of the 1- & 6-year plan map, the third being maintenance at the golf course playground. All these concerns were discussed and each will be followed up by different board members or village employees. She also let the board know an eat out opportunity will occur on Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at the Vault, flank steaks, green bean casserole, cheesy potatoes, etc. will be able to be purchased to raise funds for the food pantry renovation project. There will be a sign-up link like the vault does their by weekly orders and there even may be desserts for a free will donation.

With there being no further business to come before the board the meeting was adjourned at 8:56 pm on motion by Bellamy which was seconded by M Johnson. Ayes: M Johnson, G Sorensen, Bellamy, and Dibbern. Nays: None.

Gordy Sorensen  
Chairperson

Jaime Rathman  
Clerk

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

Jaime Rathman  
Clerk