



TOWN OF CICERO
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
August 7, 2012
At 7:00 PM

Call To Order: President Brett Foster called the meeting to order and gave the prayer. President Foster called for the roll call and the members of the Town Council were present or absent as follows:

Present: Brett Foster
Jerry Cook
Kay Hartley
Eric Hayden
Dennis Schruppf

Absent:

Declared a quorum present.

Others Present: Jan Unger, Clerk Treasurer
Charlie Cambre, Park Superintendent
Pat Comer, Street & Utilities Director
Jimmy Hunter, Police Major
Steve Peachey, Fire Chief
John Culp, Town Attorney
Keith Bryant, Town Engineer
Dan Strong, Cicero/Jackson Township Plan Commission Director

Approval of Prior Minutes:

Town Council Meeting Minutes, July 17, 2012, 7:00 PM – Mr. Cook made a motion to approve the Town Council Meeting Minutes of July 17, 2012. Ms. Hartley seconded, motion passed.

Approval of Agenda:

Mr. Schruppf made a motion to approve the Agenda. Mr. Cook seconded, motion passed.

Approval of Claims:

Mr. Hayden made a motion to approve the Claims as presented. Ms. Hartley seconded, motion passed.

Petitions by Citizens:

Mr. Jim Schneider addressed the Council concerning the Morse Lake Waterways Association (MLWA) lake cleanup. Mr. Schneider stated that it went very well in spite of not having water in the reservoir to pull items out with the boats. Mr. Schneider stated that there are piles of wood that need to be burnt when the burn ban is lifted. Additionally there were over 50 bags of trash that the street department picked up. Mr. Schneider thanked everyone for their help.

Mr. Schneider informed the Council that MLWA met with Citizens Energy for a half of day. MLWA showed Citizens around the reservoir, discussed the sediment and nutrients issues, and the loss of capacity. Mr. Schneider stated that they suggested that Citizens

have a survey on the reservoir completed, to which Citizens seemed open. Mr. Schneider stated that they discussed dredging in certain areas, funding that might be available, and cost benefits. Mr. Schneider informed the Council that Little Cicero Creek was classified as an impaired stream.

David and Stephanie Cage addressed the Council concerning their issues with Community Park and the new shelter and the kids that hang out there. Mr. Cage stated that these kids have total disrespect of other people in the shelter and park and of other peoples' property. Major Hunter stated that they are working on the issue but in order for the police to be there when there is a problem the need to be called every time there is an issue. Mr. Cambre stated that they have been better about cleaning up when they leave. Major Hunter stated that they are discussing installing camera.

President's Report:

President Foster stated that he did not have anything this evening.

Council Committee Reports:

Legal Counsel Report-John Culp:

Mr. Culp stated that he had reviewed two ordinances at the request of Police Chief Hildebrand. One on concerning the water conversation was on this evening's agenda and the second one concerning sidewalks would be reviewed by the plan commission and be discussed that the next meeting.

Cicero/Jackson Township Plan Commission Report-Dan Strong

Mr. Strong informed the Council that the sidewalk ordinance Mr. Culp mentioned would make downtown more business friendly. The plan commission will review and make sure it does not conflict with the outdoor seating ordinance.

Mr. Strong informed the Council there was a new business going in at 369 E. Jackson Street. It will be an auto detail and repair shop for cars and boats. There will be a gun repair shop going in on Washington Street. Christine's has been approved for a liquor license for inside only. All of these went through variances approved by the BZA and some have conditions attached.

Town Engineer Report-Mr. Keith Bryant –

Mr. Bryant reviewed the following

1. Stringtown Pike/Baseball Park Path – Will be discussed under Old Business.
2. Jackson Street Pedestrian Path – Mr. Bryant stated that the bids will be received by IDEM on August 8th and in preparation Mr. Bryant has given Mr. Culp a copy of the Inspection Agreement to review.
3. I & I – Mr. Bryant stated there was not really anything new. They are waiting for the water ban to be lifted because Phase Two will take a lot of water and they wanted to be cognitive of water conversation.

Old Business:

Council To Award Bid for 2012 Paving Projects.

Mr. Schrupf made a motion to untable. Mr. Hayden seconded, motion passed. Ms. Hartley stated that she thought the Council should approve all of the projects and pay for them out of MVH/LR&S. Ms. Hartley made a motion to approve the bid from E& B Paving for the base project and both alternates. Mr. Hayden agreed and seconded the motion. There was a discussion where Ms. Unger stated that she had budgeted in the

2013 budget for the Police Parking lot as previously discussed and didn't think the parking lot should be taken out of MVH/LR&S. There was a discussion where Ms. Hartley stated that she thought the Town should go ahead due oil prices going up and there wasn't much to receive in interest by keeping the money. There was another discussion and a vote was called for and motion failed to pass.

Mr. Hayden made a motion to approve Globe Asphalt Paving excluding the police parking lot. Mr. Cook seconded. Mr. Schrupf stated that he would reclude himself from the vote as he had a relative that worked for Globe. Motion again failed to pass with Mr. Hayden voting yea and Ms. Hartley and Mr. Foster voting nay. There was another discussion. Mr. Hayden made a motion to reconsider the motion he made approving Globe Asphalt Paving excluding the police parking lot. Mr. Cook seconded, motion passed 3-1 with Mr. Hayden, Mr. Cook and Mr. Foster voting yea, Ms. Hartley voting nay, and Mr. Schrupf abstaining.

Council To Award Bid For Stringtown Path Project.

Mr. Bryant informed the Council that, as they know, the low bid for the Stringtown Pike Path project came in at \$193,000 which is much higher than projected. Mr. Bryant stated that he had spoken with the vendor and did not think the bids would come in any lower if rebid. Mr. Bryant suggested that the Council wait until the bids come in next week on the Jackson Street Causeway Walkway with INDOT before making a decision on this project. Mr. Hayden made a motion to table the awarding of the bid for the Stringtown Pike Path Project. Mr. Cook seconded, motion passed.

Council To Discuss Burn Ban And Hear Update From Fire Chief.

Fire Chief Peachey informed the Council that at the last meeting the County reviewed the burn ban and decided to leave it in effect for the time being. They will review again on Monday. The public safety offices of the county agree to continue the fire ban at this time after Monday. Council concurred.

New Business:

Council To Consider Ordinance 08-07-2012-1 An Ordinance Amending Section 50.32 Of Chapter 50 Of Title V Of The Cicero Municipal Code Of Ordinances, as it relates to water conservation.

Mr. Foster read the Ordinance by title and number. Mr. Culp reviewed the content of the ordinance. Mr. Hayden made a motion to approve Consider Ordinance 08-07-2012-1 An Ordinance Amending Section 50.32 of Chapter 50 of Title V of the Cicero Municipal Code of Ordinances, as it relates to water conservation. Mr. Schrupf seconded, motion passed.

Miscellaneous

Mr. Comer updated the Council and the Sign Project. Mr. Comer stated that all of the signs would be installed and when they are done they will have a review. They will tabulate a list of signs that have not been changed and compare to the list turned in and go from there.

Comments By Citizens

There was none.

Signatures on Official Documents!

Motion To Adjourn:

Mr. Cook made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Schrumpf seconded, motion passed.

Signatures on Official Documents!

Brett S. Foster – President

Jerry G. Cook- Vice-President

Sylvia Kay Hartley

Eric C. Hayden

Dennis D. Schrumpf

Attested: _____
Jan Unger, Clerk Treasurer

The Next Cicero Town Council Meeting will be on August 21, 2012 at 7:00 PM at the Cicero Town Hall.