The regular meeting of the Gardner Village Board was called to order by Mayor Tom Wise at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 25, 2010 in the Village Hall Council Chambers. Commissioners present: Gary Cox, Mike Serena, Dick Hileman, (Bill Gerrish, absent). Also present: Scott Belt, Atty., Guy Christensen, Eng. All then stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Accepted were:

Minutes motion Hileman/second Serena
September 27, 2010 roll vote: ayes 4, nays 0, absent 1

Financial Report motion Hileman/second Serena
Month of September 2010 roll vote: ayes 4, nays 0, absent 1

Bill Payment
Ratify - October 12, 2010 motion Hileman/second Serena
roll vote: ayes 4, nays 0, absent 1

Current motion Hileman/second Cox
roll vote: ayes 4, nays 0, absent 1

Correspondence None

Agenda

Council was presented with and accepted the annual Grundy County Animal Control Intergovernmental Agreement, effective December 1, 2010, noting no increase in the cost of this service from the previous year (motion Hileman/second Serena; roll vote: ayes 4, nays 0, absent 1).

Resident Michael Pokornicki first told he would like to put aside his discussion on Todd Perkins (305 N. Jackson St.). He then asked to be appointed to the Planning and Zoning Board; Mayor Wise told him there were no vacancies at this time.

Unfinished Business None

Attorney Belt No Report

Comm. Hileman

Submitted the Gardner Industrial TIF District Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of Gardner and Gardner South Wilmington High School District No. 73. Comm. Cox requested to see the agreement, which Comm. Hileman provided. When questioned, Comm. Hileman pointed out differences between this agreement and the one for the original TIF District. He also reminded that TIF monies can only be used for certain items, noting capital improvements, not items such as salaries, etc. He explained additional State funds that have been received by the school due to the creation of the TIF District. Comm. Cox felt this should be tabled until Comm. Gerrish is in attendance and until he can review. Comm. Hileman told that GSW High School has this agreement with intent to pass upon its acceptance by the Village, thus he motioned this ordinance be adopted, with second by Comm. Serena; roll vote: ayes 3 (Serena, Hileman, Wise), nays 1 (Cox), absent 1 (Gerrish).

Comm. Gerrish Absent

Comm. Serena

Reported on three (3) locations he feels need street patching: (1) Pine & Jefferson, (2) Pine between Wilmington & Main, and (3) Pine & Wilmington. He requested, then motioned, that up to $2900 be spent for this project; motion was seconded by Comm. Hileman; roll vote: ayes 4, nays 0, absent 1. Comm. Hileman brought up that the Village has just received approximately $6100 in stimulus monies for the Motor Fuel Tax Fund and said these monies can be used for this work.

Comm. Cox

Requested that Saturday, November 27 be set for the annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony. Comm. Hileman said there is a problem in that the Lions Club would like this to be on Sunday, November 28 as in the past. It was noted that the Brownie Troop will have their tree lighting at the jail also on Sunday. Council decided that the Lions Club request be honored (motion Hileman/second Serena; roll vote: ayes 3 (Serena, Hileman, Wise), nays 1 (Cox), absent 1 (Gerrish).

Presented the 2010 Governor's Home Town Award Project Winner plaque to the Village for beautification and sustainability related to the Gardner Memory Gazebo and asked this be displayed in the Council Chambers. After informing that one (1) large sign was received with the award, requested approval to purchase two (2) additional signs (at a cost of about $125 each plus shipping); the original would be placed at the gazebo and the others would be set at

the Village entrances. Council agreed to this purchase with Mayor Wise and Comm. Serena to first see the original sign (motion Cox/second Serena; ayes 4, nays 0, absent 1).

Comm. Cox **(**continued)

Inquired about setting a date/time and the procedure for review of employment applications received. After short discussion on options, it was agreed that all Council Members should come to Village Hall to look over the applications and that executive session be set for the November 8 meeting to discuss.

It was also agreed, at Comm. Cox request, that this executive session include the review and possible release of closed session minutes.

Regarding the notice for meeting agendas, Comm. Cox questioned if these are to be posted no later than forty-eight (48) business hours. Atty. Belt responded that for meetings, the State Statutes do not address business days, only forty-eight (48) hours.

Voiced his concern and question with a map he has that does not show his residence as being within the TIF District, however, his property taxes show that he is in fact in the TIF District. After some conversation on these maps and on their recording with Grundy County, it was agreed that Atty. Belt with look into this further.

Pointed to a publication article concerning new legislation addressing vacant/foreclosed residential properties. Atty. Belt said this came about due to the recent large number of foreclosures, briefly talked about liens, foreclosures and securing properties and said he would look this information over and report to the Council.

Eng. Guy Christensen No Report

Clerk Barb Bexson

Reminded everyone that terms of office end next year for all Council Members (Mayor and all Commissioners). Nominating petitions for circulation are available at Village Hall. The filing period is December 13 through 20 for the Consolidated Election of April 5, 2011.

Mayor Wise No Report

Public Comment

From the audience, Ida Schopp asked to view the Governor's Home Town Award plaque. She then stated she had seen a letter from State Representative Careen Gordon which congratulated those who had worked toward this award and that it had mentioned the Gardner Angels. She strongly disagreed that this group should have been included; she felt that the project was mainly the work of the Beautification Committee with assistance from residents. Comm. Cox disagreed saying that this group purchased and installed the flag poles.

As there was no further business brought before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made at 7:51 p.m. by Comm. Hileman, seconded by Comm. Serena, all present in agreement.

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Barbara S. Bexson, Clerk
Village of Gardner