

SPECIAL MEETING  
GERALD BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 19, 2009

A special meeting of the board of Aldermen was held on February 19, 2009 at 7:30 pm at the City Hall in Gerald, MO.

Present were: Mayor Schulte  
Alderman Landwehr  
Alderman Johnson  
Alderman Maxwell  
Alderman Luechtefeld

Attorney Purschke was not in attendance.

The first item on the agenda was to approve some extra bills that had come in since the regular meeting. After review, Alderman Johnson made a motion to approve the extra bills to be paid. Alderman Luechtefeld seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted "aye".

The only item under Old Business was the P & Z Fees. Wilbur provided the Board with a copy of the new revised and requested the board to pass fees this evening. He also mentioned that the Gerald Library was requesting a permit for a new roof and P & Z had agreed to wave the fee. Finally he mentioned that there was a spot available on the P & Z board as James Quilacio would be unable to attend meetings on Wednesday evenings.

The Board discussed the P & Z fees. Alderman Luechtefeld questioned the fees on siding, fences and windows. He also questioned if the permits for retaining walls would be for permanent or all retaining walls. Wilbur mentioned that it would be for permanent only, not decorative landscaping. Alderman Landwehr then made the motion to accept the fees provided. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Aldermen Maxwell and Luechtefeld did not vote at this time. Alderman Maxwell then questioned the windows again. Alderman Johnson explained that there was a state law on the size bedroom windows had to be and that P & Z would be following those same rules. Wilbur stated to the Board that the fees are less than most towns and they are set in place to protect citizens in town from bad contractors. Alderman Landwehr then made the motion again to approve the permit fees. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted "aye". Alderman Luechtefeld stated "aye" but only if the fees could be changed if there were several complaints. Wilbur agreed that they could. Next Alderman Landwehr made the motion to wave the permit fee for the new library roof. Alderman Maxwell seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted "aye".

The first item under new business was to open the Trash Bids. The bids were attached to these minutes. After all the bids were read, Alderman Landwehr made a

motion to accept the 3 year contract with Swinger Sanitation. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”.

Bids for concrete work were opened next. Bids were received from: Baker Custom Flatwork, Gildehaus Enterprises, and Stockmann Construction. All bids are attached to these minutes. Alderman Johnson made the motion to accept the bid from Baker Custom Flatwork. Alderman Maxwell seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”.

Next Clyde Zelch with Tomcat Consulting spoke to the board about a proposal to look at the cities water system. The cost would be \$6000 to go over system and find areas to improve the flow. Alderman Landwehr questioned what is the difference between you looking at it and Nick? Mayor Schulte mentioned we should look at lines before we start fixing streets. Clyde would work with Nick for a couple of months to check and figure things out. Alderman Landwehr asked Public Works Supervisor, Nick Grube what his wishes were for the project. Nick recommended the board to approve the study. Alderman Landwehr then made the motion to accept Clyde’s proposal for \$6000. Alderman Maxwell seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”.

Finally Dana Bowers spoke for the Senior Center and Modern Woodsmen of America. She first mentioned to the board that the Senior Center was low on funds and asked the board why it had not been budgeted this year to help. Alderman Landwehr mentioned that we had been advised against it by the attorney not to help last year also. This year it was overlooked. Citizen Linda Trest mentioned to Dana that she thought the city should not help unless the Senior Center was to break away from MEAA. She then suggested that the Board approve putting a place on the monthly water bills for citizens to donate \$1 or more if they choose to do so. After long discussion, Alderman Luechtefeld made the motion to put a place to donate \$1 or more to the Senior Center on the water bill if it is approved by the attorney. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”.

Next Dana Bowers spoke to the board about the bank she worked for Modern Woodsmen of America and suggested that the board approve moving a couple accounts to this bank to draw higher interest rates. Alderman Landwehr questioned Dana about the Bank and where they were located, etc. No motion was made to approve moving money to Modern Woodsmen Bank.

With no further business to discuss, Alderman Luechtefeld made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Maxwell seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”.

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Mayor, Otis Schulte

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