

REGULAR MEETING
GERALD BOARD OF ALDERMEN
MINUTES
MARCH 5, 2009

A regular meeting of the board of Aldermen was held on March 5, 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 in attendance.

The minutes from the February 5, 2009 meeting were reviewed first. Alderman Landwehr made the motion to approve the minutes with a couple minor changes. Alderman Luechtefeld seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted "aye". Next Alderman Luechtefeld made the motion to approve the minutes from the February 19, 2009 meeting with a couple minor changes. Alderman Luechtefeld seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted "aye".

Next the bills from February were reviewed. Alderman Johnson made the motion to approve the February bills to be paid. Alderman Maxwell seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted "aye".

Brad Landwehr excused himself from the Board to speak with the citizen's about Proposition C in Franklin County. He requested permission from the Board to hold a meeting at the City Hall for his group against the proposition to talk with the citizens. The Board stated this would be fine to hold the meeting at the City Hall.

Nick Grube, Public Works Director spoke first under department reports. He mentioned he was working with Clyde Zelch on hydrants and things were going good. Next he mentioned he would like permission from the board to purchase a new Lawn Mower. He had called and received prices from Service International, GM Supply and Wally's Hardware. Service International had the best deal at \$5900. Attorney Purschke recommended that the City advertise in the paper for bids before making any decisions. Clerk Wheeler was asked to run in the newspaper for 1 week.

Chief Zelch mentioned quickly that the entire police department would be having firearms training on the 9th.

Clerk Wheeler asked the board if they would like to approve a contract with Tri-County Veterinary Office in Owensville to help with the stray animals or if they would like to send Davey DeFrenne, Animal Control Officer for schooling to get training to

handle it on his own. The Board asked Clerk Wheeler to bring information about getting Davey training to the next meeting.

The first item under new business was Animal Control complaints. Mayor Schulte mentioned that he had received a complaint that someone had called and could not get a hold of the Animal Control Officer and the Police did not have keys to put a stray dog in the animal pin. Nick mentioned that he had given the police an extra set of keys. Chief Zelch said he would talk to the Police to make sure they helped out if the Animal Control Officer was not available. The Pit Bull ordinance was also brought up. Alderman Johnson made a motion to have Attorney Purschke write an ordinance prohibiting all pit bull dogs. Alderman Maxwell seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”.

Wilbur Skornia gave an update on the Planning & Zoning Board. He stated that John Neff was not responding to any phone calls. He requested that the Board dismiss him from his position with the city. Next he said that until we found someone new he had already talked to Franklin County Planning & Zoning and they were willing to help with any inspections. The Council must send letter requesting services if needed. Wilbur also mentioned that he had spoken with Chuck Pierce who has agreed to be the next Planning & Zoning inspection officer. Chuck would be studying to be certified while doing inspections. He will be required to be certified within 6 months. Alderman Landwehr made the motion to release John Neff as the Planning and Zoning inspector with the city. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”.

The Permit for the Maxwell Apartments was next on the agenda. Clerk Wheeler mentioned that there had been a misunderstanding and that Mr. Maxwell had received a permit, however, she had not received any building plans. Dan Maxwell mentioned that he had given those plans to inspector John Neff, however, since Clerk Wheeler had never received them he would provide her with a new set of plans to keep on file.

The Sewer Grant was the final item under new business. Mayor Schulte mentioned that he had approved \$500 to Cochran Engineering to do paperwork on the newest Stimulus grant for the sewer system. Next Alderman Landwehr made a motion to put \$4,000,000 on the sewer bond ordinance to be passed at the next meeting. Alderman Luechtefeld seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”.

The Mayors Appointments were the final item on the agenda. Mayor Schulte recommended Chuck Pierce as the new Building Inspector. Alderman Johnson made the motion to accept the appointment. Alderman Landwehr seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”.

Next Mayor Schulte requested that Nick Grube or himself serve as backup for the building inspector if Chuck Pierce was not available. Alderman Landwehr made the motion to allow Nick to back up if Chuck was not available, and Mayor Schulte to back up if Nick was not available. Alderman Luechtefeld seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”.

Alderman Landwehr made the motion next to remove Chuck Pierce from the Planning & Zoning Board to allow him to be the city inspector. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”.

Mayor Schulte then requested to appoint Roger Smith to the Planning and Zoning Board in Chuck Pierces place. Alderman Landwehr made the motion to accept the Mayor’s appointment. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”.

The water taps for the Maxwell apartments were brought up next by Alderman Landwehr. It was questioned if the ordinance requires taps for each apartment? Carmen had researched previous water taps and the ordinance and had mentioned to Clerk Wheeler and Public Works Director Nick Grube that there should be a separate fee for each meter. It was decided that Dan Maxwell would pay for 8 taps and the city would supply the parts.

With no further business to discuss in open session Aldermen Landwehr made a motion to go into executive session as allowed under RSMO 1988, Chapter 610.020 for personnel reasons. Aldermen Luechtefeld seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the voting was as follows: Alderman Landwehr “aye”; Alderman Maxwell “aye”; Alderman Johnson “aye”; Alderman Luechtefeld “aye”.

The open meeting was called back into order. With no further business to discuss Alderman Luechtefeld made the motion to adjourn the regular meeting. Alderman Maxwell seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”.

Mayor, Otis Schulte

ATTEST:

City Clerk, Sarah Wheeler

Date

