

REGULAR MEETING
GERALD BOARD OF ALDERMEN
MINUTES
APRIL 9, 2009

A regular meeting of the board of Aldermen was held on April 9, 2009 at 7:30 pm at the City Hall in Gerald, MO.

Present were: Mayor Schulte
Alderman Landwehr
Alderman Johnson
Alderman Maxwell
Alderman Luechtefeld being a quorum.
Attorney Purschke was also in attendance.

The minutes for the March 5, 2009 Regular & Executive Session and the minutes for the March 12, 18 and 19, 2009 Special meeting was on the agenda to be accepted first. After review, Alderman Landwehr made the motion to accept all minutes as reviewed. Alderman Maxwell seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted "aye".

Next Alderman Johnson made a motion to accept the March bills to be paid. Alderman Landwehr seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted "aye".

The first item under Old Business was to accept the Annual Audit for the year 2008. Alderman Landwehr made the motion to accept the audit. Alderman Luechtefeld seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted "aye".

Bill No. 653 to accept the election results was read title only aloud for the first time by Clerk Wheeler. Alderman Johnson made a motion to accept the first reading. Alderman Luechtefeld seconded the motion. Clerk Wheeler read Bill No. 653 aloud for the second and final reading. Alderman Luechtefeld made a motion to accept Bill No. 653, to become Ordinance No. 2009-02. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the votes were as follows: Alderman Luechtefeld "aye"; Alderman Maxwell "aye"; Alderman Johnson "aye"; Alderman Landwehr "aye". Bill No. 653 will now become Ordinance No. 2009-02 as written and has been made part of these minutes and the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gerald.

Finally, Alderman Luechtefeld made a motion to adjourn sine die. Alderman Landwehr seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted "aye".

Clerk Wheeler swore in newly elected Mayor Schulte & Alderman McCormick before calling the meeting back into order.

Mayor Schulte called the meeting back to order with the newly Elected board in place. The first item was the Mayor's Appointments. Mayor Schultes appointed the following:

Nick Grube – Public Works Director (1 year term)
Clyde Zelch – Chief of Police (1 year term)
Dan Leslie – Municipal Judge (2 year term)
Joe Purschke – City Attorney (1 year term)
Matt Becker – Prosecuting Attorney (1 year term)

Alderman Luechtefeld made a motion to accept the Mayors appointments.
Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”.

Next Mayor Schulte appointed city departments to the Board members. The appointments were as follows:

Street & Water Department – Alderman McCormick & Alderman Johnson
Police Department – Alderman Luechtefeld & Alderman Johnson
Planning & Zoning – Alderman McCormick

Alderman Luechtefeld made a motion to accept the Mayor’s appointments.
Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”.

The Board of Aldermen made their appointments next. Alderman Luechtefeld made the motion to reappoint Clerk Wheeler as the City Clerk for a 1 year appointment. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”. Alderman Luechtefeld then made the motion to appoint Alderman Johnson as the Board President. Alderman McCormick seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”.

The next item on the agenda was Visitors. Wilbur Skornia spoke first. He commended the Board for reappointing all of the city employees and mentioned what a great job he thought they all were doing. Linda Trest spoke next asking the Mayor when he would make an appointment for the vacant Board of Alderman seat and for the vacant Park Board seats. Mayor Schulte stated he would fill the seats at the regular meeting in May. Michelle Steever spoke last explaining to the Board and citizen’s why she had made her decision to resign from her elected Board of Aldermen seat and how she would love to stay a member of the Park Board if they would allow it.

Department Reports was next. Chief of Police, Clyde Zelch mentioned to the board that he would like to hire Tommie Lowe as a Reserve Officer when he graduated the Police Academy on April 24, 2009. Wilbur Skornia, Planning & Zoning President told the Board they were now short 2 members and he would like to have those filled as soon as possible.

The first item under New Business was the Whispering Pines Subdivision. Mayor Schulte mentioned that he had received complaints that the grates were clogged up. Mayor Schulte requested Alderman McCormick & Alderman Johnson to talk with Public Works Director, Nick Grube and find out if this is the cities concern to deal with.

The Purchasing Policy was next. Clerk Wheeler was asked to review different policies and talk about at the next meeting.

Water Tap costs were briefly discussed. It was decided to look at actual costs and discuss at next meeting.

Next Alderman Johnson made a motion to hire Tommie Lowe as reserve officer upon graduation. Alderman Luechtefeld seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted "aye".

Ordinances were next on the agenda. Bill No. 654 concerning the outlaw of mini-bikes was read aloud title only for the first time by Clerk Wheeler. No discussion. Clerk Wheeler read Bill No. 654 for the second and final reading. Alderman Johnson made a motion to accept Bill No. 654 to become Ordinance No. 2009-03. Alderman Luechtefeld seconded the motion. Upon Roll Call vote, the voting was as follows: Alderman Johnson "aye"; Alderman McCormick "aye"; Alderman Luechtefeld "aye". Bill No. 654 will become Ordinance No. 2009-03 and will be made part of these minutes and the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gerald.

Bill No. 655 dealing with Flush Curbing was read aloud title only for the first reading by Clerk Wheeler. No discussion. Clerk Wheeler read Bill No. 655 aloud, title only for the second and final reading. Alderman Luechtefeld made a motion to accept Bill No. 655 to become Ordinance No. 2009-04 as read. Alderman McCormick seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the voting was as follows: Alderman Luechtefeld "aye"; Alderman McCormick "aye"; Alderman Johnson "aye". Bill No. 655 will become Ordinance No. 2009-04 and will be made part of these minutes and the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gerald.

Bill No. 656 dealing with the outlaw of Pit Bulls and other dangerous dogs was read aloud title only for the first reading by Clerk Wheeler. Mayor Schulte then asked Clerk Wheeler to read the entire Ordinance so it was understood by everyone. Clerk Wheeler read Bill No. 656 aloud, title only for the second and final reading. Alderman Johnson made a motion to accept Bill No. 656 to become Ordinance No. 2009-05 as read. Alderman McCormick seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the voting was as follows: Alderman Luechtefeld "aye"; Alderman McCormick "aye"; Alderman Johnson "aye". Bill No. 656 will become Ordinance No. 2009-05 and will be made part of these minutes and the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gerald.

Alderman Luechtefeld then made a motion to make Ordinance No. 2009-05 retroactive and to refund any license fee paid for this year only on any Pit Bulls. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted "aye".

The Rosebud agreement was the last item under Ordinances. Attorney Purschke mentioned that this was just for review and once the City of Rosebud and Nick had both looked at and agreed upon it could be accepted.

The Mayors Report was the final item on the agenda. Mayor Schulte mentioned that the Clean-up process around town was now underway again for springtime. Planning & Zoning members will help the police department by pointing out spots that need to be cleaned up. Mayor Schulte gave an update on the Memorial and mentioned that there will be a couple of BBQ's in April to finish raising money and then the whole memorial should be paid for and ready to be dedicated by Memorial Day. Finally he mentioned that the Sewer Grant Application had been received and that we would still need to pass the bond issue in June before finalizing anything.

Next the Board decided to have another meeting on April 16th at 7:00 pm.

Gary Smith, Gerald/Rosebud Fire Chief told the Board he had a presentation he would like to show the board concerning the trench cave in at the next meeting in May. He mentioned how he would not like this open to the public at this time. Attorney Purschke said he would talk with Gary more to decide if this was something that could be closed to the public.

Alderman Luechtefeld made a motion to accept the letter of decline of position from Michelle Steever. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted "aye".

With no further business to discuss. Alderman Luechtefeld made the motion to adjourn. Alderman McCormick seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted "aye".

Mayor, Otis Schulte

ATTEST:

City Clerk, Sarah Wheeler

Date