

SPECIAL MEETING  
GERALD BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
MINUTES  
APRIL 16, 2008

A Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held on April 16, 2009 at 7:00 pm at the City Hall in Gerald, MO.

Present were: Mayor Schulte  
Alderman Johnson  
Alderman McCormick  
Alderman Luechtefeld being a quorum.

The first item on the agenda was to appoint a new Alderman for Ward 1. Mayor Schulte appointed Justin Charboneau to take the vacant spot. Alderman Luechtefeld made the motion to accept the Mayor's appointment. Alderman McCormick seconded the motion, all Aldermen voted "aye".

The water tap charges were discussed next. Currently the City charges \$350 for a water tap charge, and the actual cost to do is \$503.39. There was talk on what to charge Dan Maxwell for parts on new apartments. It was decided at a previous meeting that Dan will pay \$270 for parts and to stick with that decision. Alderman Johnson mentioned most other towns charge connection fee, plus parts and that the City of Gerald should look at something like this to make up the cost. After a lot of discussion it was decided to charge the following:

¾" tap	\$500
1" tap	\$775
1 ½" tap	\$450 to Curb Stop + Parts
2" tap	\$550 to Curb Stop + Parts

Alderman Johnson made the motion to change tap fees and make it into an ordinance to accept at next meeting. Alderman McCormick seconded the motion. Alderman Johnson, McCormick and Luechtefeld voted "aye"; Alderman Charboneau voted "present".

The purchasing policy was on the agenda again, however, Clerk Wheeler said she had not had time to review it from the meeting the following week and asked if it could be tabled until the May meeting.

New Business was next on the agenda. Funds for the Senior Center were discussed. The Board was told they were currently 3 months behind on rent and was having a hard time paying their electric bill. The Secretary had sent out letters for donations, they were going to have a sock hop coming up to raise money and Chief Clyde Zelch was going to hold a Conceal & Carry Class to help raise money. Alderman Johnson asked Clerk Wheeler why we could not put a place on the water bill for donations to the Senior Center. Clerk Wheeler mentioned that she or Carmen did not want to be responsible for any organizations money besides for the City. It was to risky for the City. Clerk Wheeler also mentioned that the budget had been set for this year and

that it would be hard for the City to take money out of any one spot on the budget and give to the Senior Center. The Board decided to hold off on giving any money to the Senior Center for now as they had received enough in donations to help pay their bills, but to possibly look at again when they were short on money again.

Next Mayor Schulte mentioned that Clerk Wheeler had received a letter from the Career Center in Washington, MO concerning free employees. This program would allow the City up to 10 workers per Supervisor. They could help out in just about any area, and the City would not have to pay. The employees would be paid directly from the Career Center. Clerk Wheeler mentioned that she had sent the letter and guidelines to Attorney Purschke to review and he said the City could go ahead with. After some discussion Alderman Johnson made a motion to allow for 3 employees in the Street/Water Department and 1 employee for the Park Board if they needed. Alderman Charboneau seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”.

Next Nick Grube requested to purchase a sewer thruster and saw blades in the amount of \$1601.74. Alderman Luechtefeld made the motion to allow Nick to purchase the sewer thruster and saw blades for \$1601.74. Alderman McCormick seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”.

Clyde Zelch with Tomcat Consultants spoke next giving the Board an update on the Waterline testing. Clyde started off by recommending that the City raise the low pressure turn on point of the wells. He stated that at the school end of town there was always low pressure. Clyde also mentioned that new piping would need to be put in and the best place to start would be at Meadow View Court running north to Grandview. Nick mentioned that there was still some pipe that the City had they could use but would possibly need to buy a few new fittings. Alderman Luechtefeld made the motion to start on Meadow View to Grandview once easements are checked, Alderman Johnson seconded. All Aldermen voted “aye”.

Next Mayor Schulte talked about remodeling the City Hall, and also building a Community Center. He mentioned that we should talk to our local congressmen about any grants for expanding the City Hall. Alderman Johnson suggested keeping the Community Center and City Hall separate. Alderman Luechtefeld asked Mayor Schulte how much it would be for the materials. Mayor Schulte figured approximately \$20,000 for materials plus the cost of labor. Alderman Luechtefeld made a motion to put the addition to City Hall out for bid with the plans Mayor Schulte had provided. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Alderman Johnson, Luechtefeld, and McCormick voted “aye”; Alderman Charboneau voted “no”. The motion carried, bids will be opened at the next regular meeting in May.

The Planning & Zoning permits for Roofs, Windows, and Siding were discussed next. Mayor Schulte stated that the County does not require permits for these things. Alderman McCormick was asked to recommend to the Planning & Zoning Board that the City Council would like to get rid of permits for these 3 items.

Mayor Schulte stated he was still working to getting a design for the city flag. He said when he did order the flag for the Memorial the cost would be \$125 for 1 flag and down to \$96 if we order more then one flag. Next he mentioned he had received complaints from people about trailers, boats, etc. on streets. It was decided to look at the trailer ordinance to see if there was anything the police could do about it.

James Quilacio with BFA Engineering stated he could submit more applications for grants for Industrial Drive if the Board agreed.

Curbing was discussed next. Nick was asked to talk to citizens and business owners on Main Street about updating their curbing. Ray Farrel said he will talk to the church board about getting the curbing fixed. Mayor Schulte mentioned Herman Waidmann would like to get curbing on Bittersweet. James with BFA will look into surveying Bittersweet if Herman is positive he wants to do it.

The money given to fix drop boxes at Whispering Pines Subdivision was discussed. Nick will have price to fix all of them at the next meeting.

The last item was shoring. Nick requested shoring from the Board. He brought several different quotes. Mayor Schulte mentioned he thought we could make it with Plywood and Jacks as they did at the rescue. After reviewing the different options, Alderman Luechtefeld made the motion to purchase the shoring for \$1800 plus shipping from a seller on Ebay. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”.

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

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Mayor, Otis Schulte

ATTEST:

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City Clerk, Sarah Wheeler

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Date