

PUBLIC HEARING
GERALD BOARD OF ALDERMEN
MINUTES
DECEMBER 11, 2008

A Public Hearing of the board of Aldermen was held on December 11, 2008 at 7:00 pm at the City Hall in Gerald, MO.

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

Wilbur Skornia, Planning & Zoning President mentioned to the public that they were just here tonight to ask for the Building Codes to be passed, this did not include Occupancy permits.

Dennis Lindemeyer asked "What did this mean for the landlords?"

Mike Klemme requested that property owners be notified when the Occupancy permits do come up. Wilbur took names and addresses of Property owners that lived outside of Gerald so they could be notified by mail when Occupancy permits came across.

Roger Grob spoke next for Planning & Zoning. He passed out a drawing of a 1500 sq. ft. home and included what the average costs would be for permits once the new building codes were passed.

Zeke Zelch with Zelch Plumbing Co. spoke next. He mentioned that he disagreed strongly that the board should pass the IBC Codes. He questioned how much research had gone into possibly passing other codes, and that if the board decided to pass the IBC Codes maybe they should do the more up-to-date version.

John Neff spoke again for the Planning & Zoning Board. He mentioned that the board decided to go with the 2003 version because this is the standard in most of the surrounding communities. They will also look into adopting the 2009 version next year after a year of review. He mentioned that there were 8 different sets of books for the IBC Codes, and that he was willing to donate a set of books to our community.

Mayor Schulte mentioned to Wilbur that his biggest concerns were the fees; he asked if they passed the codes today if the P & Z Board could review the fees and possibly change them at further meetings. The Board would also like to see a complete list of what types of permits they will need with fees included on it.

Jim Hackstedt stated that he thought we definitely needed building codes. He said there were plenty of examples in Gerald of what happens when you don't have any codes to go by. It is not fair to the people or businesses that move here if their building or home is not built correctly.

Finally, Alderman Maxwell spoke saying that the Alderman had never gotten anything to look at to vote on. He was not comfortable passing codes when he had not gotten a chance to review something on them first.

With no further statements from citizens or the board the Public Hearing was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Mayor, Otis Schulte

ATTEST:

City Clerk, Sarah Wheeler

Date