

SPECIAL MEETING
GERALD BOARD OF ALDERMEN
MINUTES
APRIL 22, 2008

A special meeting of the Board of Aldermen was called to order on April 22, 2008 at 7:00 pm at the City Hall in Gerald, MO.

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

The first item on the agenda under Old Business was the discussion of Clark Marvin's ditch. After lots of discussion and questions from the Board, Attorney Purschke mentioned that the best way to handle the situation would be to make a cooperative agreement between the City and Clark Marvin. The city would take care of the labor and equipment, but would ask Clark Marvin to pay for the rock, or a permanent easement. Mayor Schulte will mention this idea to Clark and if he is interested Attorney Purschke will write up an agreement.

The next item on the agenda was the quarterly newsletter. Several ideas were given to Clerk Wheeler. She will begin work on the newsletter and have it out sometime in May.

Nick Grube, Public Works Director brought up the City Hall parking lot. He will talk with NB West and see about spraying it or resealing it.

Curbing and Asphalt was discussed. Some streets were discussed but no final decision was made. It was discussed what streets needed new curbing and what streets needed curbing fixed. Clerk Wheeler and Mayor Schulte will compose a letter to property owners letting them know that the City will provide the prep work, but they will need to pay for the concrete to fix the curbing.

An Animal Control Officer was on the agenda; however, Clerk Wheeler had not received any applications yet, so the discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

Next Mayor Schulte talked about remodeling the City Hall. He mentioned he would still like to pursue this if we can somehow find the money. Alderman Landwehr mentioned that we could possibly take out a loan for the improvements and additions. Mayor Schulte was asked to have an estimate by the next meeting on how much it would cost for materials and labor, and the board would then discuss more about getting a loan. Clerk Wheeler will check with the insurance to see about volunteers helping to save costs on labor.

The first item under new business was the East Commuter Parking Lot. Mayor Schulte brought up that it is becoming a hazard for drivers when 18 wheelers or trailers park there. You are unable to see around them to pull out onto Hwy 50. After some discussion Attorney Purschke was asked to write an ordinance for the City to allow No Parking in the East Commuter Parking lot for any trucks over 24,000 lbs, and no trailers. The for the west commuter parking lot the city will only allow trucks to park in the back of the lot. Alderman Landwehr will sponsor this ordinance. Nick was asked to go ahead and order no parking signs and signs stating parking in the back for trucks.

The final item on the agenda under new business was the cattle barn. Some misunderstanding had occurred for the dismantling of the cattle barn. After discussion, Alderman Landwehr mentioned that the Park Board had made a motion to have the City push down the barn, and then the Park Board would scrap the tin and turn it in for money. Nick will push the barn down tomorrow, Alderman Landwehr and Mayor Schulte will go on Sunday and take off the metal to be recycled for the Park Board.

Other items brought up in the meeting were having a metal trash pickup more than once a year. After some discussion Clerk Wheeler was asked to call and find out rates to have a dumpster left at the city year round for residents to drop of metal items. Clerk Wheeler will have this information for the next meeting.

The Jim Sneddy property was brought up. The Board feels the hole dug is becoming a hazard filled with water. After discussion between the Board and Attorney Purschke, it was decided that Chief McCrary will call Jim Sneddy on Wednesday and inform him that the hole must be filled in by Thursday or the City will do the work and charge for it.

With no further business to discuss Alderman Luechtefeld made the motion to go into Executive Session as allowed under RSMO 1988, Chapter 610.020. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the voting was as follows: Alderman Luechtefeld "aye"; Alderman Maxwell "aye"; Alderman Johnson "aye"; Alderman Landwehr "aye".

The regular meeting was called back into order. A couple other items were brought up. The board discussed setting regulations for City council meetings. Some regulations discussed were citizens wanting to talk will have to request to be put on the agenda, and not allowing anyone to interrupt meetings with comments. Clerk Wheeler will post the new regulations and also put them in the Newsletter. One other item discussed was having the Park Board turn in a signed Purchase order before any purchases can be made. The Purchase Orders will have to be signed by the President of the Park Board and the Secretary.

With no further business to discuss the special meeting was adjourned by motion and vote at 9:45 pm.

Otis Schulte, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sarah Wheeler, City Clerk

Date