

REGULAR MEETING
GERALD BOARD OF ALDERMEN
MINUTES
AUGUST 14, 2008

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held on August 14, 2008 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 unable to attend the meeting.

The approval of the minutes from the July 10, 2008 Regular meeting and July 24, 2008 Special Meeting was first on the agenda. After a couple of corrections Alderman Johnson made a motion to approve the July 10, 2008 minutes. Alderman Maxwell seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted "aye". Alderman Maxwell then made the motion to approve the July 24, 2008 minutes. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted "aye".

The Bills were next for approval. There was question to the bill to Keith Wehmeyer and whether or not the city should pay or the homeowner should pay for this bill. After several other questions Alderman Landwehr made the motion to approve all bills except the bill for Keith Wehmeyer which needed to be paid by the homeowner. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted "aye".

Next item on the agenda was visitors. The first visitor on the agenda was James Quilacio with BFA Engineering. James discussed his Engineering services he could provide to the board. The board thanked him for his time, however, no decisions were made to hire.

Clay with Swinger Sanitation was asked to speak next. The board talked to him about how the City has been receiving several complaints from citizens that their oversized cans are not being picked up, however, have been picked up in the past. It was decided to have Clay go back and talk to the company to see if they can pick up oversized cans for us until the end of the contract with us in February, then if the contract is won from them again next year citizens will be required to have no more than 33 gallon cans.

Nick Grube, Public Works Director spoke first under Department reports for the Water and Street Department. He requested from the board to begin switching meters to the new touch pads when a meter needed to be replaced. These were less expensive and would save the department time each month reading meters. It was decided to ask Schulte Supply to come to the next meeting to demonstrate the touch pad meters before a decision would be made.

Chief of Police, Clyde Zelch spoke next to the board about several different items. He asked the board to think about whether they would like to put in place an ordinance for mini-bikes. He mentioned he had several complaints about the noise of these and there was no ordinance for him to enforce citizens from riding them. Next he mentioned that he was working on doing a background check for a new officer and would know more on whether he would like to recommend him to the board for hire within the next couple of days.

Wilbur Skornia, P & Z Administrator and Richard Pierce, Park Board President were the last speakers for department reports. Both spoke and mentioned several items that they would be discussing at their next meeting.

Curbing and Street Work was the first item under Old Business. After some discussion Alderman Landwehr made a motion to begin curbing from South Main Street to the MFA Property Line. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted "aye". Clerk Wheeler had received a revised bid from NB West for the street work as requested. After reviewing the bid of \$71.37/ton, it was decided to hold off on street work for the year and begin looking at it again once the curbing was completed.

Storm Sirens was discussed briefly. After meeting and talking with a couple of siren companies about rotating sirens, it was decided to go ahead and stick with the stationary siren for the grant request.

Senior Center fund was also discussed briefly. A new motion was made to go ahead and release the funds to the Senior Center without a written contract. Alderman Johnson made the motion, Alderman Landwehr seconded and all Aldermen voted "aye".

The City Limit Extension was discussed briefly. Mayor Schulte mentioned he had been working with MODOT and they had run into some setbacks. He would continue to work with them and keep us updated on the progress.

The first item under New Business was the Personnel Policy. It was decided to table this discussion and call a special meeting for August 21st and 7pm.

Curbing at West End Street was discussed next. After discussion, it was decided the Nick would work with BFA Engineering who would help us find the waterline. No motion was made.

The Animal Control position was discussed next. The board was having problems with citizens not being able to get a hold of the current officer during the day hours. Davey DeFrenne on the Street department had volunteered to start picking up the animals again as he had done in the past. The Board decided to look into what kind of training he would need and then talk about it more at the next meeting.

Bill No. 2008-14 concerning sale and discharge of fireworks was read title only by Clerk Wheeler for the first time. This ordinance had been passed at the last meeting, however, one small change was made. Bill No. 2008-14 was read title only for the second and final reading. Alderman Johnson made the motion to approve Bill No. 2008-14 to become Ordinance No. 637. Alderman Maxwell seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote the voting was as follows: Alderman Johnson "aye"; Alderman Maxwell "aye"; Alderman Landwehr "aye"; Alderman Luechtefeld "aye". Ordinance No. 637 was approved and has been made part of these minutes and the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gerald.

Alderman Landwehr brought up Jim Sneddy's new Thrift Shop that had opened in town. He asked Wilbur Skornia to look into if it could be a Commercial Building on the bottom floor and then a residential at the top. Wilbur will check into and bring back to the next meeting.

The final item on the agenda was the Mayor's report. Mayor Schulte brought up several item including forming and Emergency Management Agency, Sewer Project Update, Medley Pharmacy moving into town and his Memorial. Mayor Schulte then appointed Kim Boyer to the Park Board. Alderman Landwehr made a motion to accept Mayor Schulte's appointment. Alderman Luechtefeld seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted "aye". Mayor Schulte then appointed Jim Stoker to the Planning & Zoning Committee. Alderman Landwehr made the motion to accept the appointment. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted "aye".

With no further business to discuss Alderman Luechtefeld made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Landwehr seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted "aye". The regular meeting was adjourned at 10:20 pm.

Mayor, Otis Schulte

ATTEST:

City Clerk, Sarah Wheeler

Date