

SPECIAL MEETING  
GERALD BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
MINUTES  
AUGUST 21, 2008

A Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held on August 21, 2008 at 7:00 pm at the City Hall in Gerald, MO.

Present were: Mayor Schulte  
Alderman Landwehr  
Alderman Maxwell  
Alderman Luechtefeld being a quorum.  
Alderman Johnson & Attorney Purschke were absent from the meeting.

Susan Cole was the first and only guest speaker for the evening. She discussed the sewer problem her mother was having in her basement. She mentioned that the City Sewer had backed up into her mother's basement now for the second time and told the board she believed it was their responsibility to pay for it. It was decided to talk with Attorney Purschke to see if the bill was indeed the City's responsibility and a decision would be made after that.

The first item under Old Business was to discuss and approve the price list from John Neff, Building Inspector. Wilbur Skornia mentioned to the board that he did not have a price list; however it would be \$20/inspection. No motion or ordinance was approved to accept this amount.

The Animal Control Officer was the next item on the agenda. Alderman Landwehr made a motion to let Brian Diehl go based on that he was not available during the day when the most calls came in for a stray animal. Aldermen Luechtefeld seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted "aye". Next a motion was made by Alderman Landwehr to hire Davey DeFrenne as Animal Control Officer and to pay him per animal picked up after his normal working hours on the Street Department. Alderman Luechtefeld seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted "aye".

Next a motion was made by Alderman Maxwell to provide the pole for the City Flag for the Veterans Memorial. Alderman Luechtefeld seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted "aye".

Curbing at West End Street was discussed next. BFA Engineering had given a proposal for a survey and stakeout. Alderman Luechtefeld made a motion to accept the proposal from BFA Engineering for a survey and stakeout at a rate of \$72/hour. Alderman Landwehr seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted "aye".

The final item under old business was the permit fee for the Veteran's Memorial. A motion was made by Alderman Luechtefeld to wave the fee for a building permit on

the Veteran's memorial. Alderman Landwehr seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted "aye".

The first item under new business was the 2009 Tax Rate. It was unanimously decided to keep the rate at the current of \$1.02 per \$100. No motion was made. An official Public Hearing will be held on September 11, 08 at 7:00 pm.

Chief Zelch spoke next on the mini-bike ordinance. He asked the board if this was something they were interested in passing and if so he would work with Attorney Purschke to get something ready.

Mayor Schulte spoke next about holding a flag contest to design a new city flag. The contest would be open to all Gerald residents. The old flag would be preserved with a plaque.

The final item on the agenda was Chief Zelch who mentioned that he would like to hire a new Police Officer, Joseph Lafrance. He mentioned he had run several background checks and they were all clear. Aldermen Landwehr made the motion to hire Joseph Lafrance at a rate of \$11.50/hour. Alderman Luechtefeld seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted "aye".

With no further business to discuss, Alderman Luechtefeld made the motion to adjourn. Alderman Maxwell 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