

REGULAR MEETING  
GERALD BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
MINUTES  
JUNE 11, 2009

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held on June 11, 2009 at 6:00 pm at the City Hall in Gerald, MO.

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

The first item on the agenda was a meeting with Donna Martin from the USDA, concerning the grant and loan for the sewer project. Donna mentioned that the current interest rate with the USDA is 2.625% which is a locked rate until approximately October 2009. She mentioned that our yearly payment with refinancing the current bond would be approximately \$112,970 and the average 4,000 gallon user sewer rate would need to be raised to \$24.67. If we decided not to refinance the current bond, the approximate yearly payment would be \$88,560 plus what we are paying now for the other bond. Finally, Donna stated that it would take approximately 30-45 days to obligate funds for the City once we begin the paperwork, and that the city will need to apply for a loan before we can begin applying for grant money. The Board decided to think about this decision and meet again with Donna Martin on Wednesday, June 17 to ask more questions and make a final decision.

The next item on the agenda was to approve the minutes from the May 4th & 21st Special Meetings, May 14th Regular Meeting, May 19th, 21st, & 28th Public Hearings. Alderman Johnson made a motion to approve all of the minutes. Alderman Charboneau seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted "aye".

The May Bills were reviewed. Alderman Luechtefeld made a motion to approve the May bills to be paid. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted "aye".

Nick Grube, Public Works Director was first for the Department Reports. He mentioned that the extra pipe the City had at the lagoon had been looked at and all seals are cracked. He had received a bid from Schulte Supply for \$4290 to get all new piping. Mayor Schulte mentioned he would first call his distributor for the lumber yard to see if he could get a better price. Nick mentioned next that he had spoke with NB West about their asphalt & Chip and Seal bid and had got them to agree to extend their pricing until June 30<sup>th</sup>. Nick would like to go ahead and start chip and sealing streets. After lots of discussion, Alderman Charboneau made the motion to do allow Nick to spend up to half of the budget on Chip and Seal and then spend the cost to asphalt 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Alderman McCormick seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted "aye". The streets the Board

decided on, were: Cedar, Clay, Lincoln, Old Potosi, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> from Main to No Name with Chip and Seal and then asphalt 5<sup>th</sup> Street.

Next Chief Zelch gave his report. He mentioned that they are working on the Pit Bull problem in town, and also that the dog pound needs to be fixed so that it does not keep getting broken into. He stated that the Drug Task force is still not cooperating and asked if the City would like to draft a letter in his support.

Clerk Wheeler mentioned next that she would like to purchase new chairs for the Alderman at the Board meetings. The current ones were falling apart. Mayor Schulte said he would be going to Jefferson City and would look for some cheaper ones there. Clerk Wheeler also stated that they would like to get some temporary office help through the government stimulus program if the Career Center had anyone available.

Wilbur Skornia, Planning & Zoning President mentioned that they would be discussing occupancy permits at their meeting next Wednesday. Alderman McCormick mentioned that he would like to go ahead and purchase a copy of the 2006 IBC Code Books for the P & Z Board. He said he had found a complete set for \$658.35 plus shipping. Alderman Johnson made a motion to purchase the IBC Code Books. Alderman McCormick seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”.

Richard Pierce, Park Board President was the final one to speak for department reports. He mentioned that they had put the light poles up at the park, Chief Zelch would be holding a CCW class to help them raise money for the new pavilion and that they needed to get handicap parking spaces at the new pavilion and the Memorial. Attorney Purschke stated we would have to do the handicap parking by ordinance, but he could have that ready for the next regular meeting.

The only item under Old Business was to accept the Purchasing Policy that was reviewed at the last meeting. Alderman McCormick made the motion to accept the policy with minor changes recommended by the Board. Alderman Charboneau seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”.

The City Hall Bids were the first item under New Business. All bids were opened and are attached to these minutes. Alderman Luechtefeld made the motion to accept the bids to be reviewed and decided at the next meeting. Alderman Charboneau seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”.

Logan Estates was discussed next. Otis Schulte had talked to NB West to asphalt the street. Otis stated he would buy the pipe if the city will put in sewer pipe before he asphalts street in a couple of weeks. Alderman Luechtefeld made the motion to allow the street department to put a 50' section of pipe across the culdesac. Otis will supply pipe, for cities forced sewer main as agreed. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”.

The tree in front of the City Hall was discussed. Alderman Johnson said he had received several calls from people saying it needed to be cleaned up. Mayor Schulte mentioned that it should just need to be bleached and varnished and that the street department could take care of that in their spare time.

The Safety Policy was tabled until the next regular meeting.

Mayor Schulte appointed Scott Long to fill a 1 year vacancy on the Park Board. Alderman McCormick made a motion to accept Mayor Schulte's appointment. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted "aye".

Attorney Purchke mentioned that he had looked into the Board's request to put an Alderman on the Park Board as a voting member and had found that there is a State Statute that prohibits this.

Richard Pierce, Park Board President mentioned that they had met with Stratman Consulting about receiving grants for putting a road around the backside of the park. They were asked to get a bid first, and the bid came back \$92,000 for asphaltting 2 lanes wide. They had also talked about upgrade lighting to high efficiency lights on ballparks and had received a bid of \$13,000 from Haase Home Supply. Finally they had talked about a grant for Playground equipment with the bid being over \$100,000.

Mayor Schulte had a couple of items under the Mayor's Report. He mentioned that James from BFA Engineering said that the permit had come in and that he was working on a grant application that was due Monday.

Mayor Schulte stated that he would like to form a Nursing Home District Committee consisting of 4 or 5 people. Alderman Luechtefeld made the motion to begin working towards getting a committee. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted "aye".

Next he would like to put together a Downtown Revitalization Committee to help with the grant work on redoing Main Street. Alderman Charboneau made the motion to begin a committee, Alderman McCormick seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted "aye".

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