

SPECIAL MEETING
GERALD BOARD OF ALDERMEN
MINUTES
JUNE 17, 2009

A Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held on June 17, 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.

Donna Martin with the USDA attended the meeting to discuss with the Board their next step in the Sewer project. She mentioned several key points when considering whether or not to get the loan through the USDA.

- The City would be required to put back \$12,000 for Operating and Maintenance in their budget each year.
- The City should look into addressing the I & I problem at the same time as the sewer project. This could be part of the grant and/or loan.
- The City should expand the project to what it was originally, including the park, etc. This should help access grant money easier.
- The Engineer would be in charge of signing off on all final inspections of the project completion.
- The next step would be to commit to doing an Environmental Study and decide to do paperwork to get money committed.

Alderman McCormick made the motion to have MAP do the Environmental Study. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted "aye". Next Alderman Luechtefeld made the motion to proceed with the application process to begin getting the money committed. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Alderman Charboneau voted "no", all other Aldermen voted "aye". It was also decided to hold a Public Hearing on July 9th at 6:00 pm to discuss raising the Sewer Rates with any concerned citizens.

Mayor Schulte called a 10 minute recess.

Mayor Schulte called the meeting back into order at 7:40 pm. The City Hall bids from the last regular meeting were discussed first. Alderman Charboneau commented that he thought we were currently throwing enough at the citizens and that we should not ask them to pay for something we don't necessarily need at this point and time. Alderman Johnson stated that he thought we did need the New City Hall because Court along with Board meetings could use more room. Alderman McCormick stated that he had talked with several citizens in town and that he could not find anyone that thought this was a good idea and this time. Alderman Luechtefeld stated that he was neutral on his feelings but thought since this is something that we don't necessarily need at this time maybe we should hold off for a while. Alderman Charboneau made a motion to put the

City Hall remodel project on hold. Alderman McCormick seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”.

New Business was next. Nick Grube, Public Works Director mentioned that he had received a bid to chip and seal Clay Street. The bid was from NB West and was \$9,000. After lots of discussion, a motion was made by Alderman Charboneau to go ahead with Clay Street and the other streets discussed originally and to allow Nick to spend up to \$90,000 on redoing the streets chosen by the Board. Alderman McCormick seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”.

Next the Ameren right of way was discussed. Nick had held a meeting to talk with Ameren about mowing their land. Ameren would like to see the City mow the grass and they would pay for the service. Nick stated that it took approximately 16 hours per month to cut the grass. It is sometimes cut for special occasions or as needed a second time. After discussion Alderman Charboneau made a motion to put a bid of \$1200 per cutting to Ameren to keep up with their grass. Alderman Luechtefeld seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”.

With no further business to discuss in open session, Alderman Luechtefeld made the motion to go into Executive Session as allowed under RSMO 1988, Chapter 610.020 to discuss personnel. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Upon roll call, All Aldermen voted “aye”.

The meeting was called back into open session. Alderman Luechtefeld made the motion to have the city pay for Chief Zelch’s initial attorney visits concerning his investigation. Alderman McCormick seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”.

With no further business to discuss, Alderman Luechtefeld made the motion to adjourn. Alderman McCormick seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”.

Mayor, Otis Schulte

ATTEST:

City Clerk, Sarah Wheeler

Date

