

REGULAR MEETING  
GERALD BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
MINUTES  
JULY 9, 2009

A Regular Meeting & Public Hearings of the Board of Aldermen was held on July 9, 2009 at 6:00 pm at the City Hall in Gerald, MO.

Present were: Mayor Schulte  
Alderman Charboneau  
Alderman Johnson  
Alderman McCormick being a quorum.  
Alderman Luechtefeld arrived at 6:30 pm.

The first Public Hearing was to answer any questions citizens has concerning the sewer project and the rising sewer rates. Citizen Linda Trest asked what the rates would go up to. Alderman McCormick responded to Linda's question. Lynn Edmons asked about the specific changes that would be made to the sewer system. Mayor Schulte made him aware of the new lines, upgrades, etc, that would be made. Roger Grob asked what type of water upgrades the city would begin working on. Mayor Schulte explained that right now there would be none, this was strictly for sewer only. With no further questions or comments from citizens, the Public Hearing for Sewer was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

The next Public Hearing was called to order at 7:00 pm to discuss the rezoning of land located at 540 W. Fitzgerald from R1, Residential to B1, Commercial. Wilbur Skornia, Planning & Zoning President, commented that this piece of land was right in the middle of a commercial area and had just been passed up when rezoning had happened the first time. He would eventually like to see the entire area become commercial. With no further discussion or questions from the citizens, the Public Hearing was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was called to order at 7:30 pm. The first item was to approve the agenda. A couple of items were added. Alderman Johnson made the motion to approve the agenda changes. Alderman McCormick seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted "aye".

Next the Minutes from the June 11<sup>th</sup> and June 17, 2009 meetings were reviewed. Alderman Charboneau made the motion to approve the minutes. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. All Alderman voted "aye". Next Alderman Johnson made the motion to approve the Executive Minutes from the June 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. Alderman McCormick seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted "aye".

The June Bills were reviewed. Alderman Johnson made the motion to approve the bills with the exception of one bill from St. Johns Mercy Hospital. Mayor Schulte would call on this bill. Alderman Charboneau seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted "aye".

Department Reports were next on the agenda. Nick Grube, Public Works Director, mentioned that they had started the Chip and Seal. Chief of Police, Clyde Zelch mentioned that the ATV ordinance needs some changes and that he would start talking with the Judge to increase some fines. Clerk Wheeler asked the Board to approve cleaning the floors in the City Hall. Alderman Johnson told her to check with Stanley Steamers to get some pricing. Wilbur Skornia, Planning & Zoning President stated that P & Z would be talking more about Occupancy permits, and finally Park Board President, Jim Flannery stated that the Park had completed the new pavilion.

The first item under Old Business was to discuss the sewer rate increase. Clerk Wheeler had devised a plan to increase the sewer rates by approximately \$3.00 once a quarter so that the rates would be where they need to be within one year when the sewer project would begin. Alderman Johnson made a motion to accept these increases and to have an ordinance written for the next regular meeting. Alderman Luechtefeld seconded the motion. Alderman Charboneau voted “no”, all other Aldermen voted “aye”.

Next the Storm Siren specifications were discussed. Clerk Wheeler had written out a new set of specifications that would hopefully bring the city bids for exactly what they were looking for. Alderman McCormick made the motion to accept Clerk Wheeler’s Storm Siren specifications. Alderman Charboneau seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”.

The final item under Old Business was the Environmental Study. Clerk Wheeler had received a quote from EDS to do the Environmental Study for \$2000. Alderman Johnson made a motion to accept the quote from EDS. Alderman Charboneau seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”.

The first item under New Business was the Playground Equipment. Park Board President, Jim Flannery and Mayor Schulte had come across some playground equipment on Craigs List for \$10,000. They believed this was a great deal for the amount of playground equipment they would be getting. The Park did not have enough money to pay the entire amount so President Flannery asked the City to loan the Park Board \$5,000. Clerk Wheeler mentioned that she did not think the City had it in their budget either to loan this amount. After lots of discussion Alderman Charboneau asked if the City could possibly loan \$2500 instead of \$5000. Clerk Wheeler stated that she still did not feel like this was such a good idea, but was more willing to go with this amount then the original \$5,000. Alderman Johnson then made the motion to loan the Park Board \$2500 to be paid back at the beginning of 2010. Alderman Luechtefeld seconded the motion. Alderman McCormick voted “no”, all other Aldermen voted “aye”.

The sewer line on Bittersweet was discussed next. Bill Brauks mentioned it was backing up in his basement. He stated that this was not the first time it had happened and he was asking the City to replace the pipes so it does not happen again in the future. Nick Grube, Public Works Director will look into with Mr. Brauks and report back at the next regular meeting.

Roger Nelson stopped by the meeting at the request of Chief Zelch. He mentioned that several people were speeding through Flottman and Main and this was very dangerous for the kids in the neighborhood. Kim Pierce mentioned that it may be a

good idea for the City to make this place a 4 way stop. Alderman Charboneau made a motion to have an ordinance ready at the next meeting to put a 4 way stop sign in. Alderman McCormick seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”.

The weed ordinance problem was discussed briefly and it was decided to leave this to the police discretion. Mayor Schulte also mentioned the MML Conference in October and if anyone would like to go to start thinking about it now.

The next item under New Business was the water shut off fees. Alderman McCormick mentioned that Carmen was having trouble with the same citizens not paying their bills month after month and having their water turned off, however, he thought we were to strict on the ones that were first timers. After lots of discussion it was decided to contact the citizens who were getting their water shut off for the first time, and be a little more lienent. The citizens who repeatedly had their water shut off would be: for renters \$25 for the first time, each time afterwards they would have their \$100 deposit taken away and would have to make a new deposit before having the water turned back on. Homeowners would be \$25 for the first offense, \$50 for each offense afterwards. An ordinance will be done at the next regular meeting.

Out of town sewer rates were discussed. It was decided to write an ordinance for out of town citizens with sewer but no water to pay the average sewer rate times (x) 1.5 Flat Fee. An Ordinance will be ready at the next regular meeting.

Next the agreement with Cochran Engineering was reviewed. Alderman Luechtefeld made the motion to have Clerk Wheeler and Mayor Schulte sign the agreement. Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken and is as follows: Alderman Charboneau “no”, Alderman Johnson “aye”, Alderman McCormick “aye”, Alderman Luechtefeld “aye”.

The Insurance renewal was up for review. The Aldermen decided to have Clerk Wheeler bring more options through different companies to the next meeting.

The 2010 Personal Property Tax rates were discussed next. It was decided to hold a Public Hearing for the tax rates before the next regular meeting in August. Alderman Charboneau made the motion to drop the tax rates from \$1.02 to \$1.00. There was no second. Alderman Johnson then made the motion to keep the rates at \$1.02. Alderman McCormick seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”.

Bill No. 2009-08, Ordinance No. 659 was read out loud in it’s entirety by Clerk Wheeler. Alderman Charboneau approved the first reading and called for the second reading. Alderman Luechtefeld seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”. Clerk Wheeler read Bill No. 2009-08, Ordinance No. 659 out loud in it’s entirety for the second reading. Alderman McCormick approved the second reading and called for the third and final reading. Alderman Charboneau seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”. Clerk Wheeler read Bill No. 2009-08, Ordinance No. 659 out loud in its entirety for the third and final reading. Alderman Johnson made a motion to approve Bill No. 2009-08 to become Ordinance No. 659 as read. Alderman Luechtefeld seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Aldermen voted “aye”. Bill No. 2009-08 becomes Ordinance No. 659 and has been made part of these minutes and the Codes of Ordinances of the City of Gerald.

The Mayor's Appointments was next on the agenda. Mayor Schulte read aloud his appointment for the Downtown Revitalization Committee which is attached to these minutes. Alderman McCormick made the motion to accept the Mayor's appointments. Alderman Charboneau seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted "aye".

Mayor Schulte read aloud his appointments for the ADA Park Committee which is attached to these minutes. Alderman Charboneau made the motion to accept the appointments. Alderman Luechtefeld seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted "aye".

Mayor Schulte read aloud his appointment for the Nursing Home District Committee which are attached to these minutes. Alderman Luechtefeld made the motion to accept the appointments. Alderman McCormick seconded the motion. Alderman Charboneau "abstained", All other Aldermen voted "aye".

Mayor Schulte read aloud his appointment for the Gerald Foundation Committee which are attached to these minutes. Alderman McCormick made the motion to accept the appointments. Alderman Charboneau seconded the motion. Alderman Luechtefeld "abstained", All other Aldermen voted "aye".

Mayor Schulte read aloud his appointment for the Community Center Committee which are attached to these minutes. Alderman Charboneau made the motion to accept the appointments. Alderman Luechtefeld seconded the motion. Alderman McCormick "abstained", All other Aldermen voted "aye".

Finally, Mayor Schulte read aloud his appointment for the TIFF Committee which are attached to these minutes. Alderman Johnson made the motion to accept the appointments. Alderman McCormick seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted "aye".

The Mayors Report was the last item on the list. Mayor Schulte quickly talked about the Franklin County Municipal League Dinner, the Letter sent to the Franklin County Sheriff's Department, the Utilities Window and the Ameren UE right of way.

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