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City of Gerald

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CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Board of Alderman
2nd Thursday
of
Every Month

Park Board Meeting
Third Tuesday
of
Every Month

Planning & Zoning Meeting
Third
Wednesday
of
Every Month

All Citizens are welcome and encouraged to attend all monthly Meetings!

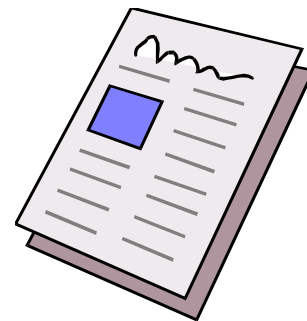
If you would like to be on the agenda for any of the meetings, please contact the City Clerk at least 48 hours before the scheduled meeting.

Special Newsletter for Gerald Citizens

The City of Gerald has recently decided to begin distributing a local newsletter to all of the citizens of Gerald to keep you up-to-date on local City Council Meetings, Events and much more. The newsletter will be distributed a couple of times a year. We hope this will be a great success and will make it

easier for residents to find out what is going on in the community. If you have any information you would like to add to the next newsletter please contact Sarah Wheeler, City Clerk at the City Hall number listed above or your Mayor or Aldermen. We want to be able to keep you informed about your

City Council meetings and decisions and much more.



Animal Licensing to Begin



The Board of Aldermen recently passed an ordinance requiring all pet owners with a cat or dog living in City Limits to have them licensed. This will be a yearly fee of \$5.00 if done before April 1st or \$10.00 after that. A tag will be given to your animal at the time of registering and

all information will be kept on your animal in case it is lost and later picked up by the city. The City will also require that the animal have its rabies shots before it can be licensed. Please bring proof of the rabies shots at the time of registering. You can have your animal licensed at the Gerald City Hall between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm. If you have any questions regarding

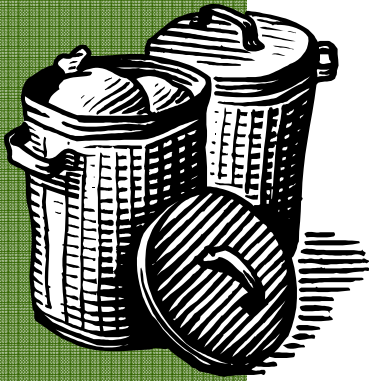
this new ordinance please contact the City Hall, your Mayor or Aldermen. The City would also like to remind citizens that all animals indoor or outdoor must be registered and that even after your animal is registered they are still your responsibility to be kept on your property. There will be a fine to pay if your animal is picked up outside your property.

TO CONTACT YOUR CITY COUNCIL:

Mayor Otis Schulte 764 - 2459

Alderman Brad Landwehr 764 - 4212 * Alderman Richard Johnson 764 - 3578

Alderman Dan Maxwell 764-4705 * Alderman David Luechtefeld 764-3154



Water & Trash Rates Increased

As most have probably noticed on your February water and trash bills, the rates have increased. This decision came from the Board of Alderman at the regular meeting in January. This increase was put into effect for a couple of reasons, the main reason being the City of Gerald is trying to receive grants to upgrade our Water/Sewer system

to meet Missouri Department of Natural Resources standards as required by 2010. The rate increases were minor, but are as follows: Trash rates have increased for all citizens by \$1.00. Water rates have increased to \$12.75 for the first 1,500 gallons used; \$3.25 for the second 1,000; \$2.75 for the third 1,000 and \$2.25 for all usage in excess

of 3,500 gallons. The city hopes not to inconvenience anyone; however, this is a "must-do" in order to help our community continue to grow into the future.

SPECIAL NOTE

Next months regular Board of Aldermen meeting will be held a week early on March 6, 2008 at 7:30 pm.

City Clean - Up Project

The City Council along with the Gerald Police Department have been working together for the past several months trying to clean up Gerald. We are asking all citizens to uphold the ordinances of Gerald and keep your property looking nice. Some of the items that are being noticed are derelict vehicles, trash, weeds and anything else that would not keep the town looking clean. There

has also been several complaints from citizens about trash being blown around. We would like to remind everyone that trash cannot be put out to the curb until the evening before you are scheduled for trash pick-up, and all trash cans should be set out with a lid, to avoid scattering by weather or animals. Cans should also be returned to the home promptly after pick-up. You could receive a fine from the

Police if these things are noticed. Please help keep your community looking nice by following these guidelines.



Park Board

The Gerald Park Board recently voted to put a quarter-cent sales tax increase on the upcoming April ballot. The Park Board would encourage everyone to vote for this increase. This money will strictly go to improving the city parks and recreation areas. We believe it will help improve the looks of your park and help get new equipment so you can enjoy your time spent there more.

Planning & Zoning

The Planning and Zoning Board have been working over the past several meetings to implement building regulations. They have been looking in to adopting the International Building Codes, which would give the City building codes on things such as electrical wiring, and much more. The Planning and Zoning Board really feel this will be a great asset to the community, and would like for you to attend the meetings to give your opinion.

NOTES FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK



The Board of Aldermen and I have been working hard to make our city a better place to live for all. Currently, we are working with the USDA, DNR and our city engineers to implement a sewer grant project. We are hopeful this can be started this summer. We are working on a multitude of other projects to enhance the city, details to follow at a later date.

We have several upcoming city project for 2008. At the last regular Board of Alderman meeting, several projects were discussed for the upcoming year. Some of the ideas talked about were chip and sealing some streets, beginning a curbing program and blacktopping some major streets. These items will be discussed further at upcoming meetings. The council would also like to know if you are interested in becoming part of the curbing program. If you would like curbing in front of your home or property, please contact Mayor Schulte. The city will do the digging and furnish rock—the only expense to the property owner is the curbing itself. Curbing is very important because it greatly deters street deterioration and saves tax dollars because less repairs and resurfacing is needed. It also will add value to your property. Payment arrangements for curbing are available through the city if you desire curbing but cannot afford a one-time total payment.

Our City Street and Water crews have been lining up spring & summer projects. Our Police Force has been doing an excellent job patrolling and enforcing ordinances.

Past administrations have seemed to not welcome public involvement or comment. We, however, do not operate that way. If you have a problem, please contact me or your Aldermen. We will do our best to resolve it, but we cannot fix it if we are not aware the problem exists.

We welcome community involvement. I had asked for volunteers to serve on a Citizens Committee. We now have nine citizens and business owners on this committee. They have been making suggestions on city clean-up, needed businesses, city activities and they are going to work on the new census which is very important as we receive some federal tax monies based on population count.

We are always in need to community involvement. If you would like to volunteer to be a member of the Citizens Committee, Planning and Zoning Board or Park Board, please contact me. We want people to be informed of the facts. The newspaper does not accomplish this. I encourage you to attend the meeting held the second Thursday of every month beginning at 7:30 pm.

I am continuing with the Veteran's Memorial proposed for location in Legion Park. To date we have raised approximately half of the cost of the project. If you are interested in this project, please purchase a brick, flag pole or pillar to honor our veterans, above anyone else they deserve our honor and respect. The Park Board is also looking for donations of money or labor to help construct one or two new pavilions in the Legion Park.

The Board of Aldermen and I are working for you. I welcome all feedback, positive or negative. My daytime phone number is 764-5000.

A special thanks to City Clerk, Sarah Wheeler for her work on this newsletter.

Mayor Otis Schulte



If you like this newsletter idea, let us know and we will try to continue it on a quarterly basis.

Extending City Limits



The Mayor along with the Board of Aldermen have been working at the last couple of board meetings on extending the City Limits of Gerald. It is being discussed to extend the city limits to Springfield Road West on Hwy 50, Antioch Road South on Hwy H, Wheeler Road North on Y, and Klemme Road East on 50. The Board feels like this will offer more police protection and help in the upcoming 2010 census. The city will only be annexing in the State Highway, so out of town residents will have the option to either be annexed in or stay outside the City limits. If you have any questions or comments concerning the city limit extension please contact your Mayor or Board of Aldermen.

GERALD

**City Limits
Population 1171**

Calendar of Local Events

May	June	July	August	September
	06/06—06/08 City Wide Yard sales	07/05/2008 Community Picnic @ Legion Park		
	06/10 - City Wide Bulk Trash Pickup			
	06/20 - 06/21/2008 Gerald Rodeo @ City Park			

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