



CITY OF GERALD

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 16, 2023 at 6:30 PM



CALL TO ORDER

The City Board of Aldermen convened on February 16, 2023 at 6:30 PM at the Gerald City Hall, 106 East Fitzgerald Avenue, Gerald, Missouri. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Annette Heseman.

Upon roll call, Board members present:

- Mayor Annette Heseman
- Ward I Alderman Rudy Via
- Ward I Alderman Angela Koepke
- Ward II Alderman Corey Novotney
- Ward II Alderman Hayden Schoenfeld

Also, present:

- Terris Cates-City Engineer
- James Birmingham – Police Corporal
- Nick Grube –Public Works Director
- Dave Streubel – City Attorney
- Phil Pilgram – City Inspector
- Shelley Smythe – City Clerk

Absent: Chief, Jim Helton

AGENDA APPROVAL

Alderman Koepke motioned to accept the agenda as is. Alderman Via seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”. Motion carried.

SCHEDULED VISITORS

- Megan Jost-First State Community Bank informed the Board that First State Community Bank has special government funding that is available. There are lenders for government entities with special rates. Megan also asked where we are in regards to the project as of date and stated they will need 2-3 years financials to get started.
- Kyle Guerrant had questions in regards to the zoning of his property and neighbors’ properties that are zoned B-1. Wanted to ask the Board if they could rezone as R-1. The houses being in a B-1 would not let them rebuild if there was something to happen to the home. There was a discussion by the Board and they have agreed to table at this time.

MINUTES

The minutes for the January 12, 2023 Regular Meeting and Executive Meeting, were reviewed Alderman Koepke asked to change on page one grammar error on first page under Public Comment of the Regular Meeting minutes. Alderman Koepke motioned to accept the minutes with the changes. Alderman Schoenfeld seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”. Motion carried.



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BILLS

The January bills were reviewed. Alderman Schoenfeld motioned to accept the bills to be paid. Alderman Schoenfeld amended his previous motion, and made a motion to approve the bills. Alderman Novotney seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Phil Pilgram, *City Inspector* –

1. Rental inspections are slow
2. Received plans for a new house and a new speck home

Terris Cates, *City Engineer*

1. City Engineer Cates would like to go out for bid for the repainting of the water tower. He also received the logo from Alderman Schoenfeld and will have that also included in the bid. Terris would like to open the bids on March 24, 2023, so would need to have it published in the paper. Alderman Koepke made a motion for City Engineer Cates to go out for Bid and have City Clerk Smythe post in the paper in regards to bids for the repainting of the water tower. Alderman Schoenfeld seconded the motion. All Alderman voted “aye”. Motion carried.
2. City Engineer Cates did discuss having the permit limits raised in regards to the wastewater treatment.
3. City Engineer Cates brought an updated zoning map for the Alderman to review and look to see what would need to be changed/added.

Nick Grube, *Public Works Director* –

1. The GAA would like to build a retaining wall Southwest by the maintenance shed, they are asking if the city would haul rock. The GAA does have some specs, wanted to update the city of plans. Inspector Pilgram stated that the retaining wall would need to be 5ft or less. Public Works Director Grube said he would let the GAA know the requirement for the height of the wall

James Birmingham, *Police Corporal*

1. Corporal Birmingham asked the board if the Police Department could enter into an agreement with MODOT for a Safety Grant. Alderman Koepke made a motion for the police department to enter into an agreement with MODOT for a Safety Grant. Alderman Schoenfeld seconded the motion. All Alderman voted “aye”. Motion carried.
2. Corporal Birmingham asked the board if the Police Department could enter an agreement with Purple Wave to sell the Charge that was the previous patrol car that is not being used. Alderman Koepke made a motion for the Police Department to enter an agreement with Purple Wave to sell the Charger that is no longer being used. Alderman Novotney seconded the motion. All Alderman voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Dave Streubel, *City Attorney* – N/A



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Shelley Smythe, City Clerk

1. City Clerk Smythe talked to the Board about various grants that are available through Polaris. City Clerk Smythe asked if she could try and get a grant for the police department to possibly get a Polaris side by side that would be beneficial for events within the city and for when the trail would be done. Alderman Koepke made a motion to have City Clerk Smythe apply for grants in regards to getting a side by side for the police department. Alderman Novotney second the motion. All Alderman voted “aye”. Motion carried.
2. City Clerk Smythe talked to the Board in regards to the upgrade of Sequoyah Water System and the Online Payments. Sequoyah will be updated to allow the citizens be able to have their utility bills emailed, and can view usage online. Will be able to set up for auto bill pay. City Clerk Smythe stated there is no extra cost for this upgrade through Lockbox and the upgrade to Sequoyah will only be \$50/month.
3. City Clerk Smythe asked the Board if they could donate the Legion Hall for the Library to have a Paint and Sip to raise money to help with the damages that occurred when the pipe burst within the library, filling it with water. Alderman Koepke made a motion to donate the Legion Hall to the library to raise money for damages that occurred during a pipe burst. Alderman Schoenfeld seconded the motion. All Alderman voted “aye”. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Aldermen/ Mayor Reports

Alderman Koepke – N/A

Alderman Schoenfeld –

1. Alderman Schoenfeld has been working with the department heads in regards to the lagers and possibly changing tiers
2. Has been cleaning up the logo that was provided by Linda Trest.

Alderman Novotney –

1. Alderman Novotney has been working on the trail, and working on the blue prints and foot prints of what would be the Gerald section. A lot of people working on the project at this time, but there is not money out of the city as of date.

Alderman Via – N/A

Mayor Heseman

1. Mayor Heseman announced that Alderman Koepke is the spokes person for the board, and if there are any issues with the city, they are to call Alderman Koepke and she will forward the information to the correct person.

NEXT REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING

March 09, 2023 at 6:15 PM Public Hearing

March 09, 2023 at 6:30 Regular meeting



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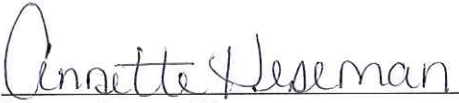


ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, Alderman Schoenfeld made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting. Alderman Via seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted "aye". Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

ATTEST:

City Clerk Shelley Smythe


Mayor, Annette Heseman


Date