



CITY OF GERALD

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 09, 2024 at 6:30 PM



CALL TO ORDER

The City Board of Aldermen convened on May 09, 2024, at 6:37 PM at the Gerald City Hall, 106 East Fitzgerald Avenue, Gerald, Missouri. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Angela Koepke.

Upon roll call, Board members present:

Mayor Angela Koepke
Ward I Alderman Rudy Via
Ward I Alderman Kyle Guerrant
Ward II Alderman Cary Parker

Also, present:

Terris Cates – City Engineer
Jim Helton – Police Chief
Nick Grube – City Administrator
Davey DeFrenne-Public Works Director
Shelley Smythe – City Clerk
Phil Pilgram – City Inspector
Kevin Richardson – City Attorney

Absent:

Ward II Alderman Corey Novotney, Board Pres

AGENDA APPROVAL

Alderman Via motioned to accept the current agenda. Alderman Parker seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”. Motion carried.

MINUTES

The minutes for the April 11, 2024, Regular and Executive Meeting were reviewed. Alderman Guerrant motioned to accept the minutes as is. Alderman Via seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”. Motion carried.

BILLS

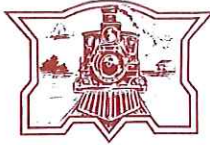
The April bills were reviewed. Alderman Via motioned to accept the bills provided. Alderman Parker seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Richard Franek – Discussed the Culvert in Northridge Dr. Stated it floods his garage and wanted to see what we could do. Stated he previously talked to the City Engineer about the issue and never heard anything else. City Administrator Grube stated he would investigate State or Federal assistance like grants for culverts. Franek discussed the price of raising the building. Stated that his camper sits there, and asked if he could pour a slab next to his house to put his camper. Mayor suggested to have City Administrator Grube and City Engineer meet with Mr. Franek to work something out.

Jim Flannery – Discussed curbing on Industrial Dr. Stated it is falling apart due to constant truck traffic and needs repairing. Discussed sealing roads and streets to avoid issues like this in the future.

Laura Flannery – Discussed the current Fireworks Ordinance. Stated she would like to see the ordinance being amended to better align with neighboring cities fireworks ordinances. Stated 3 weeks is excessive and would like to see the city review the ordinance.



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PLANNING & ZONING

Linda Trest, Planning & Zoning Representative – Stated they have been working on the bed and breakfast regulations and would like to see what ideas the City might have.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Phil Pilgram, City Inspector – Stated he has been working on inspecting the gas station. The current gas station will close May 18th and demolition will begin shortly after. James Fortner did purchase the property with the old Art's Liquor next to the new gas station and will be demolishing it for lot improvement as well.

Terris Cates, City Engineer – Introduced Jeff Moore from Bartlett West who is handling the Lead Service Line Inventory. The City Engineer stated he did notify the City Administrator what the process for the Lead Service Inventory is. The City Engineer is working with City Administrator and Public Works Director DeFrenne to get this going and will be going door to door to see if they can get what is needed. Stated he is hoping to have all this done by October 16th, 2024. If the process is not done by October 16th, he can make a note and have it extended and exhaust the funds. Stated he is working with DNR, and there is more funding if there have been any properties identified for the lead service.

Nick Grube, City Administrator – Discussed the Demolition Permit and fee. Stated it is currently \$150.00 to demolish anything of any side. Discussed amending this to accommodate structure size and lot improvement plans. Stated \$10.00 per 100sq. ft. aligns with surrounding cities. Stated he will talk with the City Attorney to see what needs to be done to amend the fee. Discussed the water meters. Stated we currently have 118 meters that are the oldest and are beginning to have problems. Discussed the difference of 3 different bids from Census, Neptune, and Badger. Stated he suggests Census. Stated he would like approval from the Board for up to \$50,000.00 to go with a new meter software.

Alderman Via made a motion for City Administrator to spend up to \$50,000 this year, to get a new water meter software. Alderman Parker seconded the motion. All alderman voted "aye". Motion carried.

Kevin Richardson, City Attorney – No discussion or updates.

Shelley Smythe, City Clerk – The Chief Mason Griffith Foundation requested a temporary liquor license for June 1, 2024, for their Side-by-Side Poker Run Event.

Alderman Parker made a motion to approve The Chief Mason Griffith Foundation to receive temporary liquor license for June 1, 2024, Side by Side Poker Run Event. Alderman Guerrant seconded the motion. All members voted "aye". Motion carried.

The Gerald Reunion Committee is having a reunion of old Gerald Elementary Students and would like to use the Legion Hall on September 28, 2024, to house old yearbooks, newspaper clippings, and other memorabilia to keep it out of the weather. They would like to know if the Board would approve of them using the hall at no charge due to there is no fundraising being done.

Alderman Via made a motion to approve for the Gerald Reunion Committee to use the Legion Hall on September 28, 2024, free of charge to display old yearbooks, newspaper clippings, and other memorabilia. Alderman Guerrant seconded the motion. All members voted "aye". Motion carried.



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ALDERMAN REPORTS

Ward I Alderman Via - No discussion or updates.

Ward II Alderman Parker – Discussed the Memorial Park and stated he had not had time to stop and check on anything. He asked if there was any progress made. Stated he has a few people willing to come and help and he would like to see it pressure washed. Stated he would like to talk in the workshop regarding reinstating the park committee and asked Nick if they could have a budget. Stated he has a couple of zoning things that he will talk to the Chief about.

Ward I Alderman Guerrant – Stated he has gathered two out of three quotes for leveling the back grassy area behind the lake for soccer fields.

Ward II Alderman Novotney – ABSENT

MAYOR REPORTS

Mayor Angela Koepke – Stated she would like to schedule a Workshop for May 23, 2024, at 6:00 PM to discuss City updates, completed goals, in-progress goals, and future goals.

EXECUTIVE/CLOSED MEETING

Alderman Parker motioned to enter closed session pursuant to Section 610.021(03) Personnel Matters and Section 610.021 (2) Lease, Purchase, or Sale of real estate. Alderman Via seconded the motion. Roll call vote was done in the order of Alderman Guerrant “aye”, and Alderman Parker “aye” and Alderman Via “aye”. Motion carried.

Entered Executive/Closed session at 7:22 PM.

Returned to Regular/Open session at 7:52 PM.

Alderman Via made a motion to reenter regular open session. Alderman Guerrant seconded the motion. All members voted “aye”. Motion carried.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Public Hearing scheduled for Wednesday, June 5, 2024, at 6:00 PM the Gerald Lions Club

Regular Meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 13, 2024, at 6:30 PM at Gerald City Hall

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, Alderman Via made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting. Alderman Guerrant seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM.

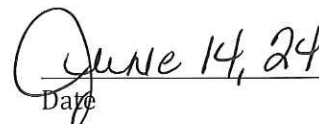
ATTEST:



City Clerk, Shelley Smythe



Mayor, Angela Koepke



Date