



CITY OF GERALD
WORKSHOP & SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD MINUTES
May 23, 2024 at 6:00 PM



CALL TO ORDER

The City Board of Aldermen convened on May 23, 2024, at 6:00 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 II Alderman Corey Novotney, Board Pres.
Ward I Alderman Rudy Via
Ward I Alderman Kyle Guerrant
Ward II Alderman Cary Parker

Also, present: Jim Helton – Police Chief
Nick Grube – City Administrator
Shelley Smythe – City Clerk
Dave DeFrenne-Public Works Director

Absent: Terris Cates – City Engineer
Kevin Richardson-City Attorney
Phil Pilgram – City Inspector

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

UPDATE ON 2024 GOALS FOR THE CITY OF GERALD

- **Main Street - Curbing, Lighting Sidewalks** - Alderman Novotney stated that he has spoken with Linda Trest who has a map regarding curbing and sidewalks. He stated they have spoken about making Main Street look and feel historic by possibly adding antique-looking lights on both sides of the street. Alderman Novotney stated that he would like to make a 5-year plan, to start working on a budget. Linda Trest stated that she would like to start looking for grants.
- **Helicopter Pad** - Alderman Via stated that the lights are in. Stated there needs to be a yellow line around the pad, and it will need to be painted. The ambulance district and the fire department split the cost of the lights. There was a savings due to the cost being split, so the fire department is purchasing a new windsock.
- **Veterans Memorial** - Alderman Parker asked if Public Works was available to clean anything up due to weather. Alderman Parker asked if we could get volunteers to possibly clean up the Veterans Memorial. Stated he wants to talk to a monument company and see if they could do a marble with engraving. Mayor Koepke suggested maybe having a concrete slab and then just putting plaques on it as needed.



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- **Parks** - Alderman Parker would like to see the City Park as being the activity park. Stated he will talk to Nick and Chief regarding more protection. Try and see if there is any grant money regarding parks. Alderman Parker would like to look into having a park fund that a Park Board could have to help with repair and maintenance and beautification. The City Administrator stated we already have money allocated for this purpose. Public Works Director DeFrenne discussed naming the road around the park for safety reasons. It was brought up in the past but no name was ever decided on.
- **Historic District/Planning & Zoning** - Linda Trest stated that she has been looking into changes and what can be done regarding our historic district.
- **Ordinances & Implementation-Fines** - Mayor Koepke stated that our code enforcer is not happening at this time. Talking with Chief regarding fine charges, Chief stated that he has talked to the prosecuting attorney, and she is reviewing once reviewed will show judge to see if we can get fines adjusted on ordinance violations.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Fireworks** - Discussed changing the times and dates fireworks are allowed to be displayed. Discussed neighboring towns ordinances and what would be best for us.

ALDERMEN THOUGHTS

- **Alderman Parker** – No further discussion or updates.
- **Alderman Guerrant** – No further discussion or updates.
- **Alderman Novotney** – No further discussion or updates.
- **Alderman Via** – No further discussion or updates.

MAYORS THOUGHTS

Mayor Koepke – No further discussion or updates.

CLOSING OF WORKSHOP

With no further discussion, Mayor Koepke closed the Workshop at 7:04 PM.

OPENING OF SPECIAL MEETING

Mayor Koepke opened the Special Meeting at 7:05 PM.

Alderman Parker made a motion to amend the agenda to add Fireworks to the agenda. Alderman Guerrant seconded, all alderman voted “aye” motion carried.

Alderman Parker made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Alderman Novotney seconded the motion. All aldermen voted “aye”. Motion carried.



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ANNEXATION

Discussed an agreement letter with property owners and the City of Gerald. No action was taken.

FIREWORKS

Alderman Via made a motion to amend Ordinance 826 to allow the discharge of fireworks from the Saturday before the 4th of July to the Saturday after the 4th of July with set times of 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM on weekdays and 10:00 AM to 11:00 PM on weekends and the 4th of July. Alderman Parker seconded the motion. All aldermen voted "aye". Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

June 5, 2024 at 6:00 PM at the Gerald Lions Club.

NEXT REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING

June 13, 2024 at 6:30 PM

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, Alderman Via made a motion to adjourn the special meeting. Alderman Guerrant seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted "aye". Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

ATTEST:



 City Clerk, Shelley Smythe



 Mayor, Angela Koepke



 Date