



**CITY OF GERALD**  
**REGULAR BOARD MINUTES**  
**August 10, 2023 at 6:30 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The City Board of Aldermen convened on August 10, 2023 at 6:30 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 Hayden Schoenfeld

Also, present:

Jim Helton – Police Chief
Nick Grube – City Administrator
Dave Streubel – City Attorney
Shelley Smythe – City Clerk Terris
Cates – City Engineer
Phil Pilgram – City Inspector

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

Alderman Via motioned to approve the agenda. Alderman Guerrant seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”. Motion carried.

**MINUTES**

Alderman Schoenfeld motioned to approve the minutes for the July 26, 2023, Workshop and Special Meeting. Alderman Novotney seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”. Motion carried.

**BILLS**

The July bills were reviewed. Alderman Via motioned to accept the bills provided in the packet. Alderman Guerrant seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”. Motion carried.

**PLANNING & ZONING**

**Linda Trest**, *Planning & Zoning Representative* –Nothing new.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Phil Pilgram**, *City Inspector* – Two new houses going up on Keagan. One new house on Whispering Pines is being built. Waiting on one property owner to file for a Final Inspection.



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**Terris Cates, City Engineer** – The City has decided to paint both water towers Tank White with black lettering and logo. The logo will have the border filled in with Chillian Red. Informed everyone about a new application for the Splash Pad. Suggested the council resubmit with edits.

Alderman Schoenfeld made a motion to approve the resubmission of the application for the splash pad. Alderman Novotney seconded the motion. All aldermen voted “aye”. Motion carried.

**Nick Grube, City Administrator**– Paving is done. Chip and seal to start the beginning of next week. Sand blasting on the large tower is done and patchwork is starting next week.

**Jim Helton, Police Chief**; - The Mason Griffith Memorial bench is waiting for a plaque and wants to set the bench out by the police station. AED’s are in. Discussed progress of Ballistic Shield, 2 handheld radars, and vehicle grants.

**Dave Streubel, City Attorney** – N/A

**Shelley Smythe, City Clerk** – Boueff Presbyterian and St. Paul’s UCC wanted to see if the board will donate the Legion Pavilion for a Sunday morning service and lunch on October 1.

Alderman Schoenfeld made a motion to approve the use of the Legion Pavilion by the Boueff Presbyterian Church and St. Paul’s UCC on October 1, 2023. Alderman Guerrant seconded the motion. All alderman voted “aye”. Motion carried.

### NEW BUSINESS

**Park Road Discussion** – Discussed alternate names and ideas other than what was suggested on Facebook. Liked ideas mentioning Lake, Park, or Memorial, but did not want to go into more depth on specific names and people as memorials. Decided to leave it alone for right now and think about what to do to honor citizens wishes.

### ALDERMAN REPORTS

**Alderman Schoenfeld** – Discussed the train car. Still on a stand still to see how to get it to Gerald. Can put a logo on the caboose.

**Alderman Guerrant** – Thanked Nick and Public Works department for handling the storm water. Wants to meet with Nick about storm water plans for future.

**Alderman Novotney** – Rock Island Trail plan submitted. Discussed overgrown and rundown properties and what the City’s plan is for those property owners.

**Alderman Via** – N/A



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**MAYOR REPORTS**

**Mayor Koepke** – Thanked Public Works Department and Fire Department for handling the storm water. Update on the two trees at the Legion Park citizens had a concern about prior. Agrees with Alderman Novotney that there needs to be a clean-up movement in Gerald.

Mayor Koepke thinks Otis Schulte and Tim Tirre would be good fits for the vacant seats on Planning & Zoning. Would like to appoint both to the Planning & Zoning Committee.

Alderman Novotney made a motion to approve the Mayor's appointments of Tim Tirre and Otis Schulte to the Planning & Zoning Committee. Alderman Schoenfeld seconded the motion. All aldermen voted "aye". Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments made.

**NEXT REGULAR SCHEDULED**  
**MEETING**

September 14, 2023 at 6:30 PM


**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. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk, Shelley Smythe

  
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Mayor, Angela Koepke

  
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