



CITY OF GERALD

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 14, 2024 at 6:15 PM



CALL TO ORDER

The City Board of Aldermen convened on March 14, 2024, at 6:19 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 Angela Koepke
- Ward II Alderman Corey Novotney, Board President
- Ward I Alderman Rudy Via
- Ward I Alderman Kyle Guerrant
- Ward II Alderman Cary Parker

Also, present:

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

Public Hearing –

- ***Proposed Variance-Request for Front Setbacks Along Main Street and Highway Y***
 - **Opening of the Hearing** – Board President, Novotney opened the hearing regarding both Ordinances.
 - **Public Comment** – No Public Comment
 - **Board Discussion** – No Board Discussion
 - **Close of Hearing** - With no further discussion to come before the Board, Mayor Koepke closed the public hearing at 6:30 p.m.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

MINUTES

The minutes for the February 13, 2024, Regular Meeting and February 13, 2024, Executive Meeting, were reviewed. Alderman Novotney motioned to accept the minutes as is. Alderman Parker seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”. Motion carried.

BILLS

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

SCHEDULED VISITORS

Thomas Ley, with Cochran Engineering, and Nathan Hiatt – No discussion, updates, or additional comments since last meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.



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INTRO TO ORDINANCES

Mayor Koepke introduced and did the first reading of Bill No. 2024-01 Ordinance 943 An Ordinance authorizing a variance for Lots 4 & 5 of Northridge Estates. Mayor Koepke completed a second reading.

Alderman Parker motioned to accept Bill No. 2024-01, Ordinance 943 An Ordinance authorizing a variance for Lots 4 & 5 of Northridge Estates. Alderman Via seconded the motion. Roll call vote was done in the order of Alderman Via "aye", Alderman Guerrant "aye", Alderman Parker "aye", and Alderman Novotney "aye". Motion carried.

PLANNING & ZONING

Linda Trest, Planning & Zoning Representative – Stated they are still working on the Bed & Breakfast regulations.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Phil Pilgram, City Inspector – Discussed the progress with the new gas station and stated that if a fence is less than 6ft tall then no permit is needed. If a fence is over 6ft tall, it will require a permit.

Terris Cates, City Engineer – Discussed the annexation and getting together a list of the property owners. Discussed the Lead Service Line Inventory.

Alderman Parker made a motion to have the Mayor sign the contract for the Lead Service Line agreement. Alderman Via seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted "aye". Motion carried.

Nick Grube-City Administrator – No discussion or updates.

Kevin Richardson, City Attorney – No discussion or updates.

Shelley Smythe, City Clerk – Discussed the Side-by-Side Ride event hosted by The Chief Mason Griffith Foundation. Stated they would like to use Gerald City Park on June 1.

Alderman Parker made a motion to allow The Chief Mason Griffith Foundation to use the City Park June 1, 2024, for their Side-by-Side Ride event. Alderman Novotney seconded the motion. All Alderman voted "aye". Motion carried.

Discussed the St. Gerald Church picnic. Stated they applied for a temporary liquor license.

Alderman Parker made a motion to allow the St. Gerald Church to get a temporary liquor license for the Gerald Catholic Church Picnic. Alderman Novotney seconded the motion. All Alderman voted "aye". Motion carried.

Discussed the upcoming Gerald Chamber of Commerce Events. Stated they would like to use the Legion Park on March 23 for their Easter Egg Hunt, Main Street on October 26 for their Trunk or Treat, and both Main Street and Legion Park for the Parade of Lights and Santa on December 7.



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Alderman Parker made the motion to approve the Gerald Chamber of Commerce to use the requested areas for their events on March 23, October 26, and December 7. Alderman Via seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted "aye". Motion carried.

ALDERMAN REPORTS

Ward I Alderman Via- Stated that he had multiple people call and ask if there are any storm shelters in town. Mayor Koepke discussed putting that in the plan for the Emergency Management.

Ward II Alderman Cary Parker- Discussed the Trail excavation is ready to begin on Monday, March 11. Stated Rosebud is looking for grants to get things going. Stated Owensville is trying to plan a groundbreaking on their portion of the Trail. Discussed how the Board of Aldermen go about approving ordinances and the process for any of the public that had questions. Stated that an ordinance is prepared and discussed at the meeting, after 2 readings of the ordinance the Board of Aldermen have the choice to accept or deny the ordinance. Discussed ordinance violations on First Street. Stated that with the trail being started, he has spoken to City Administrator Grube regarding the Splash Pad and asked Terris if he can provide some information.

Ward I Alderman Guerrant- No discussion or updates.

Ward II Alderman Novotney- No discussion or updates.

MAYOR REPORTS

Mayor Angela Koepke- Discussed the ordinance violations regarding cleaning up property. Asked the Alderman to drive around their ward and take note of any addresses that has violations of an ordinance and give them to the Police Department. She would like to set up another workshop in May to go over some progress.

NEXT REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING

April 11, 2024 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. The meeting adjourned at 6:51 PM.


ATTEST:



City Clerk, Shelley Smythe



Mayor, Angela Koepke



Date