

CITY OF GERALD
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 11, 2024 at 6:30 PM



CALL TO ORDER

The City Board of Aldermen convened on April 11, 2024, 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 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:

- Terris Cates – City Engineer
- Jim Helton – Police Chief
- Nick Grube – City Administrator
- Davey DeFrenne-Public Works Director
- Shelley Smythe – City Clerk

Absent:

- Phil Pilgram – City Inspector
- Kevin Richardson – City Attorney

AGENDA APPROVAL

Alderman Paker motioned to amend agenda to add to old business Barlett & West Task Order Number 2 and to the Executive Meeting Pursuant to 610.021 (2) RSMo discussion of Lease, Purchase, or Sale of Real Estate. Alderman Novotney second the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”. Motion Carried.

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

MINUTES

The minutes for the March 14, 2024, Public Hearing & Regular Meeting were reviewed. Alderman Parker motioned to accept the minutes as is. Alderman Novotney seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”. Motion carried.

BILLS

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comments were made.

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PLANNING & ZONING

Linda Trest, Planning & Zoning Representative – Discussed the Bed and Breakfast regulations. Stated they have pretty much finalized what they are wanting. Stated they are looking forward to the trail. Alderman Via stated he feels there should be caution lights for the cross walks for the trail.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Phil Pilgram, City Inspector – ABSENT

Terris Cates, City Engineer – Stated he has been working on the annexation and has a list of the property owners ready so we can send notification letters. Discussed the lead service line.

Nick Grube, City Administrator – Discussed the Rock Island Trail. Stated we need The Katy Trail blend for the rock, and he has been in contact with Clint from State Parks who is now in charge of the maintenance. Discussed a lane closure on Highway Y. Discussed the surplus list to put on Purple Wave. Listed all of the trucks he would like to put on Purple Wave.

Alderman Novotney motion to approve City Administrator Grube to put the listed trucks on Purple Wave. Alderman Guerrant seconded the motion. All aldermen voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Kevin Richardson, City Attorney – ABSENT

Shelley Smythe, City Clerk – No updates or discussion.

OLD BUSINESS

Annexation- Mayor Koepke would like to set a Public Hearing for June 5, 2024 at 6pm at Gerald Lions hall at 229 N Bernhardt Ave, and have City Engineer Cates and City Attorney Richardson present. Alderman Parker made the motion to schedule the Public Hearing for June 5, 2024 at 6pm. Alderman Via seconded the motion. All aldermen voted “aye”. Motion carried.

GDA Contract- Mayor Koepke read the contract to the board and suggested to keep board discussion for the closed meeting as it was on the agenda for the executive meeting as well.

Bartlett & West Task Order No. 2- City Engineer Cates discussed the Task Order No. 2 being about the Lead Service Line Inventory. City Engineer Cates suggested to move forward with the Task Order. Board agreed to continue moving forward with Lead Service Line Inventory work.

ALDERMAN REPORTS

Ward I Alderman Via- Discussed the storm water drainage issue on Scrivner and 6th Street.

Ward II Alderman Cary Parker- No discussion or updates.

Ward I Alderman Guerrant- No discussion or updates.

Ward II Alderman Novotney- Discussed the properties with ordinance violations and asked to get a list of properties together and take it to Chief Helton.



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MAYOR REPORTS

Mayor Angela Koepke- No discussion or updates.

MOTION TO ADJOURN, SINE DIE

Alderman Parker motioned to adjourn, Sine Die. Alderman Novotney seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted "aye". Motion carried.

Old Board of Aldermen meeting adjourned at 6:56 PM.

City Clerk asked the Board to review the official results from Franklin County stating who was elected. City Clerk stated that Alderman Via, Alderman Guerrant, Alderman Parker, and Mayor Koepke were reelected and would like to congratulate them.

CITY CLERK SMYTHE ADMINISTERS OATHS TO OFFICE OF NEWLY ELECTED

City Clerk Smythe swore in Angela Koepke as Mayor, Kyle Guerrant and Rudy Via as Aldermen Ward I, and Cary Parker as Alderman Ward II.

Mayor Koepke called the new Board of Aldermen meeting to order at 6:59 PM.

Alderman Parker made a motion to open the new Board of Aldermen meeting with the reelected officials. Alderman Novotney seconded the motion. All members voted "aye". Motion carried.

ROLL CALL FOR NEW BOARD OF ALDRMEN MEETING

After roll call for the new Board of Aldermen meeting, all members present for the old Board of Aldermen meeting were present for the new Board of Aldermen meeting. All members absent, remained absent.

MAYOR APPOINTMENTS

City Administrator – Mayor Koepke appoints Nicholas Grube
City Clerk/Treasurer – Mayor Koepke appoints Shelley Smythe
Public Works Director-Mayor Koepke appoints Davey DeFrenne
Chief of Police-Mayor Koepke appoints James Helton

Standing Committees – (2) Board of Alderman member for the following committees:

Police – Mayor Koepke recommended Alderman Via and Alderman Guerrant

Public Works – Mayor Koepke recommended Alderman Guerrant and Alderman Novotney

Planning & Zoning Board Representative (1) – Mayor Koepke appoints Alderman Via.

Mayor Koepke would like to appoint Alderman Parker to see over Grants and Beautification of our City.

Alderman Novotney motioned to approve all of the Mayor's appointments. Alderman Guerrant seconded the motion. All members voted "aye". Motion carried.



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BOARD OF ALDERMEN APPOINTMENTS

Board of Aldermen President with authorization to sign checks – Mayor Koepke suggested Alderman Corey Novotney as Board President.

Alderman Parker made the motion to accept this appointment of Aldermen Novotney for Board President. Alderman Via seconded the motion. All members voted “aye”. Motion carried.

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 Via “aye”, Alderman Parker “aye”, and Alderman Novotney “aye” and Alderman Guerrant “aye”. Motion carried.

Entered Executive/Closed session at 7:07 PM.
Returned to Regular/Open session at 7:50 PM.

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

ALDERMAN REPORTS

Ward I Alderman Via- Discussed an update on Heli-pad. Stated he will be getting with the Ambulance and the Fire departments. Stated Ameren is coming out to put in a light pole.

Ward II Alderman Cary Parker- Discussed water attractions and the splash pad. Discussed putting Wifi access in the parks for cameras.

Ward I Alderman Guerrant- No discussion or updates.

Ward II Alderman Novotney- No discussion or updates.

MAYOR REPORTS

Mayor Angela Koepke- Discussed the City is declining the offer that was proposed to the city and would like to counter. The City would like to counter with an offer of purchasing the full track for \$8,000.00, and letting the GDA use it as a park and do what they would like.

Alderman Novotney made a motion to decline the offer from the GDA. Alderman Guerrant seconded the motion. All aldermen voted “aye”. Alderman Parker abstained. Motion carried.

Alderman Novotney motion to make a counteroffer to purchase the full track for the price of \$8,000.00. Alderman Via seconded the motion. All aldermen voted “aye”. Alderman Parker abstained. Motion carried.

Discussion of code enforcement and hiring someone part time to help with code enforcement.



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Phil Pilgram, City Inspector – ABSENT

Terris Cates, City Engineer – No new discussion or updates.

Nick Grube, City Administrator – Discussed purchasing park benches for a total of \$880.92. Discussed doing a water and sewer rate increase, but we would need to complete a rate study.

Alderman Parker approved to complete a rate study to cost no more than \$7,000.00. Alderman Guerrant seconded the motion. All aldermen voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Kevin Richardson, City Attorney – ABSENT

Shelley Smythe, City Clerk – No new discussion or updates.

NEW BUSINESS

Between the White Lines temporary Liquor License for May 10, 2024 Bingo Event – City Clerk Smythe presented the Board with a temporary Liquor License application for Between the White Lines’s Bingo Event on May 10, 2024.

Alderman Novotney motioned to approve the temporary liquor license application. Alderman Guerrant seconded the motion. All members voted “aye”. Motion carried.

NEXT REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING

May 09, 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 PM.

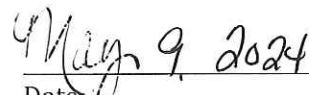
ATTEST:



City Clerk, Shelley Smythe



Mayor, Angela Koepke



Date: May 9, 2024