



CITY OF GERALD

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 12, 2024 at 6:30 PM



CALL TO ORDER

The City Board of Aldermen convened on December 12, 2024, 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 I Alderman Rudy Via
Ward II Alderman Corey Novotney, Board President
Ward I Alderman Kyle Guerrant
Ward II Alderman Cary Parker

Also, present:

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

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

MINUTES

The minutes for November 14, 2024, Regular were reviewed. Alderman Via motioned to accept the minutes as is. Alderman Parker seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”. Motion carried.

BILLS

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

PLANNING & ZONING

Linda Trest, Planning & Zoning Representative – Stated they are working on the historical district ordinance. Stated they did talk to the City Administrator in Herman about their ordinance and Hermann is currently working on rewriting their ordinance.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Phil Pilgram, City Inspector - Thacker Mini Pub is open and they are doing good. The Mexican Restaurant had the inspector in, and they will be doing a soft opening Saturday, December 14, 2024.

Terris Cates, City Engineer – Discussed the Gerald City Park and work being completed on this project. Stated he will need to get with City Administrator Grube to give some more updates and ask a few questions.

Nick Grube, City Administrator – No discussion or updates.

Davey DeFrenne, Public Works Director – No discussion or updates.

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Chief Helton – No discussion or updates.

Kevin Richardson, City Attorney – No discussion or updates.

Shelley Smythe, City Clerk – No discussion or updates.

NEW BUSINESS

2025 Budget Review – The board had the Budget a week early to review. Alderman Parker stated that he was very happy with how things have been handled, and feels the city is moving forward.

Alderman Parker made a motion to approve the 2025 Budget. Alderman Via seconded motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”. Motion carried.

2023 Budget Amendment Review – Alderman Parker made a motion to approve the 2023 Budget Amendment. Alderman Novotney seconded motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Updates on all City Insurances

- MOPERM – Alderman Via made a motion to approve the MOPERM updates. Alderman Guerrant seconded motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”. Motion carried.
- MEM – BCBS has come to an agreement with Mercy, due to this we will be keeping them as our current medical insurance for 2025.

1% Public Safety Tax – Reviewed the ballot language. Alderman Via made a motion to approve the 1% Public Safety Tax to be put on the April Ballot Alderman Novotney seconded motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE

Bill No. 2024-07 Ordinance 949 – An Ordinance Establishing the 2025 Budget for All Departmental Expenditures and Anticipated Revenue for the City of Gerald, Missouri

Two readings were completed.

Alderman Parker motioned to accept Bill No. 2024-07, Ordinance 949. Alderman Guerrant seconded the motion. Roll call vote was done in the order of Alderman Guerrant “aye”, Alderman Novotney “aye”, Alderman Parker “aye”, and Alderman Via “aye”. Motion carried.

Bill No. 2024-08 Ordinance 950 – An Ordinance of the City of Gerald Amending the City Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2023, Adopted by Ordinance No. 934, by Amending Certain Revenue and Expenditures

Two readings were completed.

Alderman Novotney motioned to accept Bill No. 2024-08, Ordinance 950. Alderman Via seconded the motion. Roll call vote was done in the order of Alderman Guerrant “aye”, Alderman Novotney “aye”, Alderman Parker “aye”, and Alderman Via “aye”. Motion carried.



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Bill No. 2024-09 Ordinance 951 – An Ordinance Amending the Wage and Salary Ranges for Employees of the City of Gerald, Missouri

Two readings were completed.

Alderman Novotney motioned to accept Bill No. 2024-09, Ordinance 951. Alderman Via seconded the motion. Roll call vote was done in the order of Alderman Guerrant “aye”, Alderman Novotney “aye”, Alderman Parker “aye”, and Alderman Via “aye”. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE/CLOSED MEETING

Alderman Paker motioned to enter closed session pursuant to Pursuant to 610.021 (03) RSMo for discussion of Personnel Matters. Alderman Via seconded the motion. Roll call vote was done in the order of Alderman Guerrant “aye”, and Alderman Novotney “aye” and Alderman Parker “aye” Alderman Via “aye”. Motion carried.

Entered Executive/Closed session at 6:53 PM.

Returned to Regular/Open session at 7:44 PM.

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

Alderman Parker made a motion to increase the salaries that were approved, and the department heads work in the guidelines to work with the city administrator to provide raises to their department employees. Alderman Via seconded All Aldermen voted “aye”. Motion carried.

ALDERMAN REPORTS

Ward I Alderman Guerrant – No discussion or updates.

Ward II Alderman Novotney- Alderman Novotney would like to see there to possibly be some room in the budget for some beautification on Main Street.

Ward II Alderman Parker – Stated he does stand behind Alderman Novotney in regard to getting beautification to the town. Stated that the rental properties that need to be worked on. Stated we need to get better quality renters.

Ward I Alderman Via – No discussion or updates.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Angela Koepke – Discussed what was talked about at the Planning & Zoning meeting. Discussed portable buildings, residences with no utilities or tap connections like campers. She stated Planning & Zoning was wondering why these things were not being addressed. She states that these are things Planning & Zoning should not be worrying about and that these things should be discussed and brought Boards attention at City Council meetings.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Regular Meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 09, 2025, at 6:30 PM at Gerald City Hall



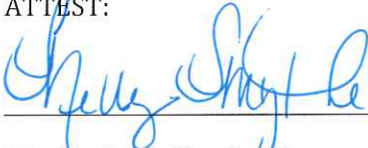
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ADJOURNMENT

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 8:02 PM.


ATTEST:



City Clerk, Shelley Smythe



Mayor, Angela Koepke



Date