



CITY OF GERALD

SPECIAL MEETING AND WORKSHOP MINUTES

June 26, 2025 at 5:30 PM



CALL TO ORDER

The City Board of Aldermen convened on June 26, 2025, at 5:30 PM at the Gerald City Hall, 106 East Fitzgerald Avenue, Gerald, Missouri. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board President, Corey Novotney.

Upon roll call, Board members present:

Ward II Alderman Corey Novotney, Board Pres

Ward I Alderman Kyle Guerrant

Ward II Alderman Cary Parker

Ward I Alderman Rudy Via

Also, present:

Shelley Smythe – City Clerk

Terris Cates – City Engineer-arrived late

Jim Helton – Police Chief

Nick Grube – City Administrator

Absent:

Kevin Richardson – City Attorney

Phil Pilgram – City Inspector

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

APPOINTMENTS

Alderman Parker recommended the appointment of Corey Novotney to fill the vacant seat of Mayor until the April 2026 election. Alderman Novotney accepted the nomination.

Alderman Parker made a motion to appoint Corey Novotney to take the Mayor's seat. Alderman Via seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Mayor Novotney recommended the appointment of Dean Isgrigg to fill the vacant seat of Alderman Ward II until the April 2026 election. Dean Isgrigg (Present) accepted the nomination.

Alderman Parker made a motion to accept the Mayor's recommended appointment of Dean Isgrigg for Alderman Ward II. Alderman Guerrant seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”. Motion carried.

City Clerk Smythe swore in the newly appointed Mayor, Corey Novotney, and Ward II Alderman, Dean Isgrigg. Mayor Novotney and Alderman Isgrigg assumed their seats.

Alderman Via recommended Alderman Parker to become Board President. Alderman Parker accepted the nomination.

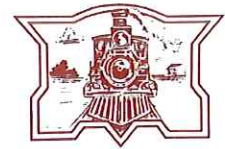
Alderman Via made a motion to appoint Alderman Parker to be Board President. Alderman Guerrant seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”. Motion carried

SPECIAL MEETING ADJOURNED

Alderman Parker made a motion to adjourn the special meeting. Alderman Via seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:36 PM.



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WORKSHOP

Mayor Novotney called the Workshop to convene at 6:00 PM.

Alderman Guerrant was absent from the Workshop.

Alderman Isgriggs was present for the Workshop.

DISCUSSION

Rate Study – City Engineer Cates first discussed the Water portion of his study. Stated that Water rates would need to increase the base rate from \$12.25 to \$12.80, which is an increase of 55 cents, and the usage rate to increase from \$3.00 per thousand gallons to \$3.42, which is an increase of 42 cents per thousand gallons.

City Engineer Cates then discussed the Sewer portion of his study. Stated that Sewer rates would need to increase the base rate from \$18.50 to \$22.02, which is an increase of \$3.52, and the usage rate to increase from \$5.28 per thousand gallons to \$6.93, which is an increase of \$1.65 per thousand gallons.

City Engineer Cates explained how he got those numbers and explained which customers would see the most difference.

City Administrator Grube and Alderman Parker both questioned the possibility of a rate table for both Water and Sewer. City Engineer Cates explained that the Rate Table option is possible and plausible, and stated that he would look into it and work on drafting a table for each utility.

Deputy Clerk Koepke stated that the current billing software more than likely has the option to adapt the rate table but would look into it to make sure before the City Engineer starts to work on the Rate Table.

Alderman Parker and City Administrator expressed their desire to explore rate increases every 1-2 years. City Engineer Cates stated that it is ideal and necessary to explore rate studies every 1-2 years to ensure the effectiveness of the rates.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Regular Meeting scheduled for Thursday, July 10, 2025, at 6:30 PM at Gerald City Hall

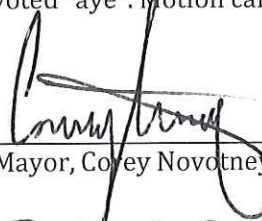
ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, Alderman Via made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting. Alderman Isgrigg seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted "aye". Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.

ATTEST:



City Clerk, Shelley Smythe



Mayor, Corey Novotney
7-10-2025

Date