



# CITY OF GERALD

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

### November 14, 2024 at 6:30 PM



#### CALL TO ORDER

The City Board of Aldermen convened on November 14, 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 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

Absent:

Ward II Alderman Corey Novotney, Board President

#### AGENDA APPROVAL

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

#### MINUTES

The minutes for October 10, 2024, Regular & Executive Meeting were reviewed. Alderman Via motioned to accept the minutes as is. Alderman Guerrant seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”. Motion carried.

#### BILLS

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

#### PLANNING & ZONING

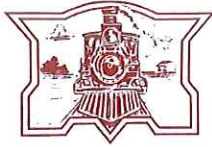
*Linda Trest, Planning & Zoning Representative* – No discussion or updates as the meeting was canceled.

#### ORDINANCE

**Bill No. 2024-06 Ordinance 948** - An Ordinance of the City of Gerald, Missouri to Approve Scrivners Addition to the Town of Gerald Plat 2 Being a Resubdivision of Lots 1-6, Block 17

Two readings were completed.

Alderman Parker motioned to accept Bill No. 2024-06, Ordinance 948. Alderman Via seconded the motion. Roll call vote was done in the order of Alderman Guerrant “aye”, Alderman Parker “aye”, and Alderman Via “aye”. Motion carried.



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#### DEPARTMENT REPORTS

***Phil Pilgram, City Inspector*** - No discussion or updates.

***Terris Cates, City Engineer*** – Stated he needs to work with City Administrator Grube in regard to the City Park survey.

***Nick Grube, City Administrator*** – Stated he is in the process of hiring a new person for Public Works.

Requested board approval for City Administrator Grube and Public Works Director DeFrenne to be part of the Franklin County Transportation Committee.

Alderman Parker made a motion to allow Nick Grube and Davey DeFrenne to continue to be part of the Franklin County Transportation Committee. Alderman Guerrant seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”. Motion passed.

Discussed the 1 cent sales tax, would like to retain the 1% transportation tax, would like to have a motion to proceed with having the ballot information be put on the ballot.

Alderman Parker made a motion to allow the City to resubmit the 1% transportation that will be sunset on December 31 2025, and put on the ballot the 1% sales tax for public safety. Alderman Via seconded the motion. All Alderman voted “aye”; motion carried.

Discussed the estimate for the minor accident involving Officer Thurman. City Administrator would like to have the board approve the other party’s bid for repairs and rental car.

Alderman Via made a motion to approve the bid for the repairs and the rental car. Alderman Guerrant seconded the motion. All aldermen voted “aye”. Motion carried.

***Davey DeFrenne, Public Works Director*** – Update on Bucket Truck, had new transmission, received back, boom wasn’t working. He took it to EE Hydraulics, and they were unable to get it fixed. Bucket truck has been taken back to D & M Truck Service, there was an issue with the transmission. It is being replaced at no cost to the City.

***Chief Helton*** – No discussion or updates.

***Kevin Richardson, City Attorney*** – No discussion or updates.

***Shelley Smythe, City Clerk*** – Discussed will be working on the 2025 budget and if we could set up a time to have the board review and approve before end of year. City Administrator Grube stated he would like to have all the info to the board prior to the meeting on December 12, so there wouldn’t have to be any special meetings having to be done during the holidays. City Clerk Smythe and City Administrator Grube will get the 2025 Budget put together and put out on Teams a week prior to the meeting so they can review before the board meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> of December.



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**NEW BUSINESS**

Discussed the insurance plans.

Alderman Parker motioned to approve the City Employee’s medical insurance to be Anthem ACA Choice 2500/20%/9450 A8FC. Alderman Via seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”. Motion carried.

**ALDERMAN REPORTS**

***Ward I Alderman Via*** – No discussion or updates.

***Ward II Alderman Parker*** – Would like to acknowledge the Gerald Rosebud Fire Department for their help with the incident that occurred with the propane tank next to the Bistro. They were there for the 17 ½ hours, and commended Alderman Via for overseeing the scene.

***Ward I Alderman Guerrant*** – No discussion or updates.

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

***Mayor Angela Koepke*** – Presented Certificates of Appreciation to volunteers that help maintain the City’s beauty and go above and beyond for their community.

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

Regular Meeting scheduled for Thursday, December 12, 2024, 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 Guerrant seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:02 PM.

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk, Shelley Smythe

  
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Mayor, Angela Koepke

  
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Date