

CITY OF GERALD
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 10, 2024 at 6:30 PM



CALL TO ORDER

The City Board of Aldermen convened on October 10, 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 II Alderman Corey Novotney, Board Pres
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

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 September 12, 2024, Regular & Executive Meeting were reviewed. Alderman Parker motioned to accept the minutes as is. Alderman Via seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”. Motion carried.

BILLS

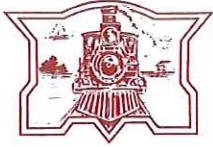
The September bills were reviewed, amended Core & Main. Alderman Parker motioned to accept the bills provided. Alderman Via seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”. Motion carried.

NOTICE OF HEARING AND ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

Mayor Koepke called on the Owner and/or Occupant of 129 Hillside Dr to address the Dangerous Structure. Owner and/or Occupant of 129 Hillside Dr was absent.

City Clerk Smythe explained that she sent certified letters to the Owner and/or Occupant notifying them of the hearing. The Board of Aldermen discussed the next steps regarding the Dangerous Structure.

Alderman Novotney made a motion to continue the process with the Dangerous Structure. Alderman Guerrant seconded the motion. All aldermen voted “aye”. Motion carried.



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EXECUTIVE/CLOSED MEETING

Alderman Novotney 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 6:38 PM.

Returned to Regular/Open session at 6:59PM.

Alderman Via made a motion to reenter regular open session. Alderman Novotney seconded the motion. All members voted "aye". Motion carried.

PLANNING & ZONING

Linda Trest, Planning & Zoning Representative – Stated that she is working with Deputy City Clerk Koepke and City Administrator Grube to get everyone updated Ordinance Books.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Phil Pilgram, City Inspector – Discussed progress on the Townhouses, Newly Weds Foods, new construction on Canaan Rd, and Solar Panels.

Terris Cates, City Engineer – Discussed the Streets, Wastewater Treatment Facility and the new parts, and Lead Service Line Inventory Survey. City Engineer Cates commended the City and the staff. Stated that he feels we are doing.

Nick Grube, City Administrator – Discussed needing to hire an employee for Public Works. Stated he has had some applicants, but none are able to meet the requirements. Discussed posting an advertisement on Facebook and our City Website.

Discussed 1 cent sales tax. Stated will be sunseting in December 2025. He would like the council to think about putting that toward the Police Department. The 1 cent would help pay for the payroll for the Police Department. The Chief stated he would like to have 5 officers, to be able to have 2 officers on during the day, especially when school is in session. If this is passed, it would go into General Revenue. Stated it must be filed with Franklin County in December to be on the April 2025 Ballot.

Alderman Via made a motion to start working on getting this to Franklin County for the April Ballot. Alderman Guerrant seconded the motion. All aldermen voted "aye". Motion carried.

Stated he has been working with Winter-Dent regarding insurance. There have been discussions of the Anthem and Mercy are not coming to an agreement at this time for a contract. Winter-Dent is keeping a close eye on this, and will have other options for the City. If there is no agreement between them.



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Davey DeFrenne, Public Works Director – Stated West has completed their portion of the street improvements. Stated Corrective Asphalt Materials are here to seal the streets with Reclamite and CFR.

Stated he has been looking to upgrade the nozzles for the Sewer. Discussed purchasing two nozzles, one for \$879.64 and the other for \$1314.47. Alderman Parker made motion to allow the Public Works Director to order the nozzles. Alderman Guerrant seconded the motion. All alderman voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Chief Helton – Stated he has received an AED from Between the White Lines. We received 3 AED’s.

Kevin Richardson, City Attorney – No discussion or updates.

Shelley Smythe, City Clerk – No discussion or updates

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Thacker’s Mini Pub-Liquor Licenses – The Presbyterian Church sent a letter in regard to the liquor license and the distance to the church and daycare. They stated they are ok with it. Alderman Via made a motion to allow the Pub to receive a liquor license. Alderman Parker seconded the motion. All aldermen voted “aye”. Motion carried.

GDA Property – Alderman Via made a motion to allow a resolution to go into contract with the GDA for \$5000. Alderman Parker seconded the motion. All aldermen voted “aye”. Motion carried.

ALDERMAN REPORTS

Ward I Alderman Via – Discussed updates to the Helipad.

Ward II Alderman Parker – Discussed the emergency plans, parks, and growth within our city.

Ward I Alderman Guerrant – No discussion or updates

Ward II Alderman Novotney – No discussion or updates

MAYOR REPORTS

Mayor Angela Koepke – Stated she received a letter that thanked City Workers and Volunteers for all of their hard work and stated that she loved visiting the town she grew up in.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Regular Meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 14, 2024, at 6:30 PM at Gerald City Hall



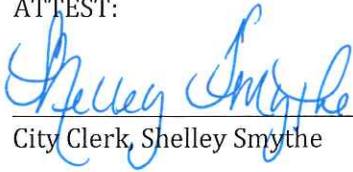
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ADJOURNMENT

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 7:32 PM.

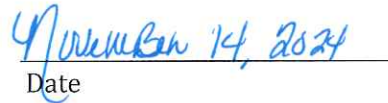
ATTEST:



 City Clerk, Shelley Smythe



 Mayor, Angela Koepke



 Date