



CITY OF GERALD
REGULAR BOARD MINUTES
February 13, 2024 at 6:30 PM



CALL TO ORDER

The City Board of Aldermen convened on February 13, 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 Cary Parker
Ward I Alderman Kyle Guerrant

Also, present: Jim Helton – Police Chief
Nick Grube – City Administrator
Shelley Smythe – City Clerk
Phil Pilgram – City Inspector
Davey DeFrenne-Public Works Director
Kevin Richardson-City Attorney

Absent: Ward II Alderman Corey Novotney, Board Pres
Terris Cates – City Engineer

AGENDA APPROVAL

Alderman Via motioned to accept the Rescheduled due to no quorum agenda. Alderman Parker seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”. Motion carried.

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

MINUTES

Alderman Via motioned to approve the minutes for the January 18, 2024, Regular & Executive Board Meeting and January 25, 2024, Workshop. Alderman Parker seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”. Motion carried.

BILLS

Alderman Parker motioned to pay the January 2024 bills. Alderman Via seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”. Motion carried.

SCHEDULED VISITORS

Thomas Ley, with Cochran Engineering, and Nathan Hiatt - Discussed the Main Street Town Houses. This was discussed in Planning & Zoning. Nathan Hiatt and Cochran Engineering will be responsible for anything that might happen when digging and construction. Discussed a Lot Consolidation for properties located at North Bernhardt Avenue, West Industrial Drive, and North Main Street. Discussed a lot variance to change the setback from 25 feet to 20 feet. This will allow another building to be constructed on the property.

Alderman Parker made a motion to accept the lot consolidation and variance. Alderman Via seconded the motion. All aldermen voted “aye”. Motion carried.



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Public Hearing to be held March 14, 2024 at 6:15PM at Gerald City Hall.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lauri Link – Discussed using the Legion Park for the Small Animal Swap Meet. Stated she is wanting to start in March and go into October. Discussed that Swap Meets will be held on the weekends. Stated she is aware and willing to pay for any license or permit that may come up in the future.

Alderman Parker made a motion to allow the swap meet to be March to October at the Legion Park. Alderman Guerrant seconded the motion. All Alderman voted “aye”. Motion carried.

PLANNING & ZONING

Linda Trest, Planning & Zoning Representative – Discussed the bed and breakfast business and what should be and is required. Stated she will bring more information. and will have some more information. Mayor asked if they have maps to review before meetings.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Phil Pilgram, City Inspector – Discussed a remodeling permit for 325 E. Springfield that he is working on reviewing. Stated he went to the old Art’s Liquor and is no longer considered a dangerous structure, it is boarded up. The house on Walnut is being used by the fire department for training, once they are done, then will be posted as a dangerous structure. Stated he will let the owner know when they are done, and the owner will work on getting the demolition completed.

Terris Cates, City Engineer - ABSENT

Nick Grube-City Administrator – Discussed the UV Structure, the repair cost is \$25,000, did add a phase to raise it and it is \$4000. Stated it must be back online by April 1, 2024. Will need a motion to go ahead and get repaired.

Alderman Parker made a motion to get the UV Structure repaired and to have it raised above flood plain not to exceed \$30,000. Alderman Via seconded the motion. A roll call vote was made in the order of Alderman Via, “aye”, Alderman Guerrant, “aye”, Alderman Parker, “aye”. Motion carried.

Discussed the abatement agreement with DNR.

Alderman Paker made a motion to go into an abatement agreement with DNR. Alderman Guerrant seconded the motion. All Alderman voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Discussed the use of 6 laptops for the Board of Alderman and Mayor for meetings. Discussed the benefits of going paperless. Total would be \$2,028.00. Chief Helton would like to pay for them out of the police training budget.

Alderman Via made a motion to purchase the 6 laptops. Alderman Guerrant seconded the motion. All Alderman voted “aye”. Motion carried.



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Discussed the rate increase for water. Expressed that they do not need to make a decision tonight but would like to have it reviewed and on the agenda for the next meeting.

Discussed that we have \$26,000 in the street reserve account and we need to purchase one ¾ to 1 ton truck and will be able to auction the 3 trucks that are not in good shape.

Alderman Parker made a motion to liquidate 3 of the City trucks on Purple Wave. Alderman Via seconded the motion. All the aldermen voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Alderman Parker made a motion to let the City Administrator and Public Works Department purchase a truck to replace the 3 not to exceed \$30,000 for public works. Alderman Via seconded the motion. All aldermen voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Jim Helton, Police Chief- Discussed one Axon camera went out and we are out of contract with them. We will be needing a new contract to get a new camera and would like it to be a 5-year contract and a 5-year warranty. Discussed switching to Motorola and a quote from them. Motorola has a 5-year contract with a 5-year warranty, cloud-based storage, after 3 years, they will provide new cameras.

Alderman Via made a motion to allow Chief Helton to work on a contract with Motorola for a contracted rate of \$1750/year for 5 years. Alderman Guerrant seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Kevin Richardson, City Attorney- No discussion or updates.

Shelley Smythe, City Clerk- Discussed the new utility billing software, Ampstun. Discussed the difference in user friendliness. Discussed online customer portal, new looking bills, and paperless billing.

ALDERMAN REPORTS

Ward I Alderman Via - Discussed that he had a meeting with Emergency Management and wanted to find out about a guardrail on the corner of South Bernhardt and Highway 50 by City Hall. Stated he would have to talk with Public Works Director DeFrenne and Chief Helton as well as MoDOT. Discussed lights and not needing to paint the heli-pad. Stated there will be lights on the corners of the heli-pad and they will be encased in concrete, the lights are very expensive. There will be a windsock on top of the firehouse.

Ward II Alderman Cary Parker- Discussed a great turnout for the groundbreaking for the Trail. Discussed getting culverts replaced. The MFA is not going to be parking on the eastside of where the trail begins.

Ward I Alderman Guerrant- Discussed that he spoke to the GAA and brought up the soccer fields.

Ward II Alderman Novotney- ABSENT



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MAYOR REPORTS

Mayor Angela Koepke- Talked about the workshop and that she feels it was very good. Discussed the water tank for the Chamber to use this summer to water flowers around town. Discussed scheduling another Workshop in the future.

EXECUTIVE/CLOSED MEETING

Alderman Via motioned to enter closed session pursuant to Section 610.021(03) Personnel Matters at 7:28PM. Alderman Parker seconded the motion. Roll call vote was done in the order of Alderman Via, "aye", Alderman Guerrant, "aye", Alderman Parker, "aye". Motion carried.

Entered Executive/Closed session at 7:28PM.
 Returned to Regular/Open session at 7:35 PM.

Alderman Via motioned to return to regular session. Alderman Guerrant seconded the motion. Roll call vote was done in the order of Alderman Via, "aye", Alderman Guerrant, "aye", Alderman Parker, "aye". Motion carried.

NEXT REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING

March 14, 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. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM.

ATTEST:

Shelley Smythe

 City Clerk, Shelley Smythe

Angela Koepke

 Mayor, Angela Koepke

March 14, 2024

 Date