

**CITY OF GERALD
PUBLIC HEARING
July 11, 2024 at 6:15 PM**



**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 11, 2024 at 6:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

The City Board of Aldermen convened on July 11, 2024, at 6:15 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 Kyle Guerrant
Ward I Alderman Rudy Via
Ward II Alderman Cary Parker

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

Absent: Ward II Alderman Corey Novotney, Board Pres.

Public Hearing – Rezoning Lot 9, 10 & 11 of Schulte Addition, within the City from “B-1” Commercial-District to “R-2” Two-Family/Multi-Family District

- **Opening of the Hearing** – Mayor Koepke opened the hearing at 6:15 PM regarding Rezoning from B1 to R2.
- **Public Comment** –
 - ▶ Gladys Limberg – Stated she has lived there for 63 years and would like to see that property cleaned up. She says she is for rezoning it in hopes that the new property owners or residents will keep it looking nice.
 - ▶ Alderman Parker – Stated he has received a few calls regarding the property. Stated no one has any issues with rezoning as long as it has no effect on their taxes or property value.
- **Board Discussion** – No discussion.
- **Close of Hearing** - With no further discussion to come before the Board, Mayor Koepke closed the public hearing at 6:21pm.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Alderman Parker motioned to add Bill NO. 2024-04, Ordinance 946. Alderman Guerrant seconded the motion. All members voted “aye”. Motion carried.

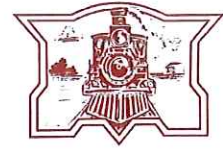
Alderman Parker motioned to accept the amended agenda. Alderman Via seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”. Motion carried.

MINUTES

The minutes for the June 5, 2024, Public Hearing and June 13, 2024, Regular Board & Executive Meeting were reviewed. Alderman Parker motioned to accept the minutes as is. Alderman Guerrant seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”. Motion carried.



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BILLS

The June bills were reviewed. Alderman Via motioned to accept the bills provided. Alderman Guerrant seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted "aye". Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joseph Straatman – Discussed a sewer back-up in his basement. Stated he has had issues with the basement backing up in the past. Stated he called a plumber to check it out. The plumber informed him of a clog in the city main. Would like to see if he could get reimbursed for the plumbing bill. Stated he worked with Advanced Plumbing; the bill was \$235.00 which he has already paid.

Alderman Guerrant made a motion to reimburse the plumbing bill of \$235.00 to Joseph Straatman. Alderman Via seconded the motion. All aldermen voted "aye". Motion carried.

Michelle Glosser – Discussed FARMS, a program that allows a drive-thru food pantry for the community outreach center. Stated she would like to offer this to the community. The event would be one day a month. FARMS would bring 10 pallets of food. This would be available to anyone on the 1st Friday of the month. A Senior Program will be separate for the mobile food drive.

Alderman Parker made a motion to have the police and public works to work with the food pantry, and to allow the FARMS drive-thru food pantry. Alderman Via seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted "aye". Motion carried.

Jim Flannery – Discussed the annexation and requested costs regarding the annexation. Stated that he feels it should not have been dropped. Said that since the annexation was dropped, he would like to have the sites cleaned up.

Brad Landwehr – Discussed City Take-Home Vehicles. Presented the board with information including milage, cost, maintenance, and potential risks.

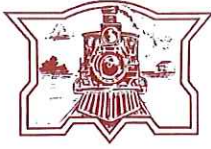
INTRO TO ORDINANCES

Bill No. 2024-03, Ordinance 945: An Ordinance authorizing a change in zoning for lots 9, 10, & 11 of Schulte Additions within the City from "B-1" Commercial District to "R2" Two-Family/Multi-Family District.

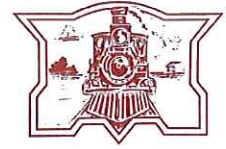
Two readings were completed.

Alderman Parker motioned to accept Bill No. 2024-03, Ordinance 945. 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.

Bill No. 2024-04, Ordinance 946: An Ordinance to approve an agreement for abatement order by consent between the City of Gerald, Missouri and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources for violations of Missouri Clean Water Law.



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PLANNING & ZONING

Linda Trest, Planning & Zoning Representative – Stated that they have discussed a project Kathy Foy is working on. Stated their code books are out of date and the books need to be updated. She feels everyone would benefit from sections 400 and 500.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Phil Pilgram, City Inspector – No discussion or updates.

Terris Cates, City Engineer – No discussion or updates.

Nick Grube, City Administrator – Stated he has 3 streets that could use CFR and 18 streets that could use reclaimant. Stated these methods will last 6-7 years. There is a bid schedule for this project. Discussed a list of streets that need work.

Alderman Parker made a motion to go out for bid to get chip and seal, concrete and asphalt by the next meeting August 8, 2024. Alderman Guerrant seconded the motion. All aldermen voted "aye". Motion carried.

Stated the city needs to replace the aeration system, which has been the issue with the Wastewater Treatment Facility. Would like to go out for a COP to be able to get some changes made to the sewer system.

Alderman Parker made motion for the City Engineer to get everything necessary to get funding to correct the issues with the treatment facility. Alderman Via seconded the motion. All aldermen voted "aye". Motion carried.

Davey DeFrenne, Public Works Director – Stated Public Works has received 100 new meters, and we are waiting for Ampstun to get things set up on their end so we can start on ours.

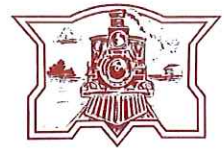
Kevin Richardson, City Attorney – No discussion or updates.

Shelley Smythe, City Clerk – New Life Church is wanting to use the whole park and the ball fields on August 3, 2024, to do a Kickball tournament. They have spoken to Jessie Wilson that the ball fields are not being used this day.

Alderman Via made a motion to let New Life Church use the park at no charge to have a Kickball Tournament on August 3, 2024, Alderman Guerrant seconded the motion. All aldermen voted "aye". Motion carried.



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Temple in Training would like to host a 1-mile run, 5k run at the park on September 14th, they would like to run around the lake. This would be a fundraiser. They did supply their 501(c)(3) and EIN number.

Alderman Parker requested more information before a motion is made. City Clerk Smythe stated she will get with Temple in Training and get more information.

House of Hope contacted the city wanting to do a Tent Revival in the Legion Park. They set this up in prior years and would like to use the Depot for electricity. The tent is around 50' and seats 50 people. They are insurance and the tent is fireproof. They are wanting to do this July 25th-July 27th, 2024.

Alderman Parker made a motion to let House of Hope set up a Revival Tent at Legion Park and use the Depot for Electric for the dates of July 25th-July 27th, 2024, will need to get with Public Works Director and the City Administrator. Alderman Via seconded the motion. All aldermen voted "aye". Motion carried.

The City Clerk would like to set up a Special Meeting on July 25th to go over Mid-Year Financials.

Alderman Paker made a motion to have a special meeting on July 25th at 5:15 to go over Mid-Year financials. Alderman Guerrant seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted "aye". Motion carried.

Chief Jim Helton – No discussion or updates.

ALDERMAN REPORTS

Ward I Alderman Via – Stated they are making progress on the Helipad, but it needs more attention from Public Works.

Ward II Alderman Cary Parker – Thanked Public Works, Police, and office employees for the efforts and their hard work. Stated he would like to avoid social media and continue to inform citizens using the city website, www.geraldmo.com.

Alderman Parker made a motion to have everything put on the geraldmo.com page, and not put on the social media. Alderman Via seconded the motion. All Alderman voted "aye". Motion carried.

Discussed the Park Rental Agreement. Discussed the Mayor and how she helped power wash at the Veterans memorial, and he feels we need to get back on it. Discussed the splashpad.

Ward I Alderman Guerrant – No discussion or updates.

Ward II Alderman Novotney – Absent.

MAYOR REPORTS

Mayor Angela Koepke – Would like to get a jump on the 2025 fireworks. Would like to see if the city's insurance would cover the park if there was a fireworks display. There are a couple of organizations that would be able to put the shows on. There would be no city funds being spent on the fireworks. The Lions Club will be starting to take donations for a display for fireworks for 2025.



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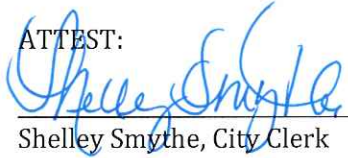
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NEXT REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING
Special Meeting July 25, 2024 at 5:15 PM
Regular Meeting on August 8, 2024 at 6:30 PM

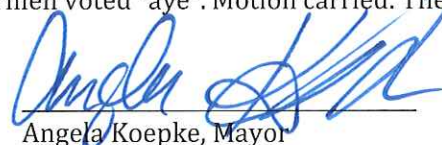
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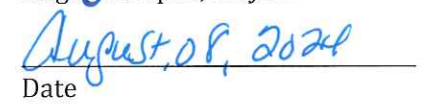
With no further business to come before the Board, Alderman Via made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting. Alderman Guerrant seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted "aye". Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

ATTEST:



Shelley Smythe, City Clerk



Angela Koepke, Mayor


Date