



# CITY OF GERALD

## REGULAR BOARD MINUTES

October 12, 2023 at 6:30 PM



### CALL TO ORDER

The City Board of Aldermen convened on October 12, 2023 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

Also, present: Jim Helton – Police Chief  
Nick Grube – City Administrator  
Shelley Smythe – City Clerk  
Terris Cates – City Engineer  
Phil Pilgram – City Inspector

Absent: Ward II Alderman Hayden Schoenfeld  
Kevin Richardson – City Attorney

### AGENDA APPROVAL

Alderman Novotney motioned to amend the agenda add New Business: Recommendation by Planning & Zoning. Alderman Guerrant seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Alderman Via motioned to accept the agenda with the amendment. Alderman Novotney seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”. Motion carried.

### MINUTES

Alderman Novotney motioned to approve the minutes for the September 14, 2023 Regular Board Meeting, September 14, 2023 Executive Meeting, and September 27, 2023 Special Meeting. Alderman Guerrant seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”. Motion carried.

### BILLS

Alderman Via motioned to pay the September 2023 bills. Alderman Novotney seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”. Motion carried.

### PLANNING & ZONING

*Linda Trest, Planning & Zoning Representative* – Discussed temporary lodging in town to accommodate Rock Island Train tourists. Discussed lodging tax and regulations. Discussed sidewalks, lighting, and other things to make Main Street look nice with the trail coming in.



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**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

*Phil Pilgram, City Inspector-* Discussed progress with new Dollar General. New houses under construction are looking good.

*Terris Cates, City Engineer-* Discussed Small Water Tower progress. Change order on the smaller tower, for \$1650.

Discussed Conservation Grant for the splash pad, this is a 50% match so the city would have to have \$175,000 to match the grant. Will need motion made to have Mayor sign Conservation Grant. There is a 2-year window, this will allow the city to be able to come up with the funds. A resolution will need to be drawn up to authorize the filing of the application with the MO Department of Natural Resources, Division of State Parks.

Mayor Koepke explained she wants to set goals for the next two years and try and get some of the funds. Terris explained that the deadline for the grant application is November 16, so would need a motion made prior. Discussed tabling the motion until next meeting. All Aldermen agreed. Motion tabled.

Tabling the motion, until the next meeting and see what we can get from the citizens/businesses.

*Nick Grube-City Administrator-* Discussed the GIS for the lead service line inventory. Discussed the small water tower being finished. Discussed progress on To-Do list from Mayor.

*Jim Helton, Police Chief-* Thanked Jennifer Griffith for the donations of the 2 Guardian Angel lights.

*Shelley Smythe, City Clerk-* No updates or discussion.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Alderman Via motioned to accept Alderman Hayden Schoenfeld's letter of resignation. Alderman Guerrant seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted "aye". Motion carried.

Mayor Koepke recommended Cary Parker to be selected to fill Ward II vacant seat. Alderman Novotney motioned to accept the appointment of Cary Parker as Alderman for Ward II seat. Alderman Guerrant seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted "aye". Motion carried.

City Clerk Smythe swore in Cary Parker to Alderman Ward II.

Alderman Via motioned to approve the city employee's medical insurance to be Anthem ACA Choice 2500/20%/9100. Alderman Novotney seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted "aye". Motion carried.





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Alderman Novotney motioned to approve the city employee's Dental, Vision, & Life insurance to be Principal. Alderman Guerrant seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted "aye". Motion carried.

Alderman Via motioned to accept Alderman Recommendation of changing the zoning of lot at the corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and Main Street, owned by Sean Griffin, to be changed from R1 to R2. Alderman Novotney seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted "aye". Motion carried.

**ALDERMAN REPORTS**

*Ward II Alderman Cary Parker-* Stated he is looking forward to working with everyone. Stated he has admired this board for the past few years.

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

*Ward II Alderman Novotney-* Discussed the Rock Island Trail.

Alderman Novotney motioned to continue making progress on the Rock Island Trail. Alderman Guerrant seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted "aye". Motion carried.

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

**MAYOR REPORTS**

*Mayor Angela Koepke-* Discussed progress on the spillway at the lake at City Park. Discussed the dump truck and progress. Discussed the town clean up and stated there were no City dollars being spent. Thanked the police for doing a great job keeping citizens on the right track and cleaning up. Discussed progress with the Board of Adjustments. Addressed a concern from a citizen about gambling machines, stated they are not against ordinance. Addressed a concern from a citizen about a mobile home clean up, is waiting on a response from the attorney. Would like to have a meeting with the City Administrator to plan and make goals, to set goals for the next two years and try and get some of the funds before applying for a grant for the splash pad. Stated that the Chamber of Commerce would like watering cans to put in the back of a truck to water flower around town when spring comes again. Stated that the Chamber of Commerce would like a glass display case established at City Hall to advertise events.

After discussion amongst the Board, all aldermen decided to not accept the establishment of a display case at City Hall.

**NEXT REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING**

November 9, 2023 at 6:30 PM



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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 Novotney seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted "aye". Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:10PM.

ATTEST:

  
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 City Clerk, Shelley Smythe

  
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 Mayor, Angela Koepke

11-9-2023  
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 Date