CITY OF GERALD
WORKSHOP BOARD MINUTES
January 25, 2024 at 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The City Board of Aldermen convened on January 25, 2024, at 6:00 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
Shelley Smythe – City Clerk
Phil Pilgram – City Inspector
Dave DeFrenne-Public Works Director

Absent: Terris Cates – City Engineer
Kevin Richardson-City Attorney

AGENDA APPROVAL

Alderman Parker motioned to accept the workshop agenda. Alderman Novotney seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted "aye". Motion carried.
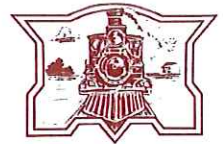
1. ### 2024 Goals for the City of Gerald
   ➢ **Splash Pad**- There are Grants available, would like to look forward to still getting one. There has been money received by the Girl Scouts. There is an account set up for donations. Cary would like to look into, Mayor Koepke appointed Alderman Parker to look into some type of water park and see what available Alderman Parker is would like to look into having citizens within the community to also be on a committee.
   ➢ **Main Street-Curbing, Lighting Sidewalks**- Mayor Koepke appointed Alderman Novotney on a committee, trying to get Main Street started, and have sidewalks, and work on the city street lights. The City Administrator talked about the business district, and what are we going to consider the business district. This will need to be done within phases. Alderman Novotney asked Linda Trest if she would be willing to be on the committee with him to get these phases started.
   ➢ **Helicopter Pad**- Mayor Koepke appointed Alderman Kyle Guerrant and Alderman Via regarding the heli-pad fixed.

➤ **Veterans Memorial-**Mayor Koepke wants the memorial fixed, she states it is a mess, and we need to clean it up. Mayor has a citizen Sue Altemeyer that is willing to help with and has many other citizens that are wanting to help. Mayor Koepke has appointed Alderman Parker to try and start preserving what we already have, and get it straighten up.

➤ **Legion Park-** Discussed the Splash Pad, Veterans Memorial, and Helicopter Pad, and Playground all being at Legion Park. Mentioned that construction and beautification of these things will improve the curb appeal of the park. Alderman Via would like to see some of the streetlights repaired so children can play at the park until dark.

➤ **Playground-** Discussed another reason why Legion Park needs some attention. Alderman Via reminded the board of the streetlights and mentioned the railroad ties in the playground. Discussed painting the playground equipment. Alderman Via stated that there are children at the Legion Park Playground almost constantly during the warmer months and would like to see safe equipment that also looks nice.

➤ **Court-** Mayor talked to Chief regarding what is going on with payments on tickets, and there have been some questions regarding what is going on with courts. Mayor Koepke stated that the city attorney is doing a cost estimated. Alderman Via, Novotney, Guerrant and Parker all state that they feel it is not a good plan to have court come back to the city. Alderman Parker said let's get the analysis from the Attorney to let the citizens know why we are not doing court.

2. **Historic District/Planning & Zoning-**Planning and Zoning needs one more on the committee. She asked Linda to see if anyone is available. Discussion of the historic district, this will consist of what the district will be. There is funding available for historic districts. Linda Trest stated that the city will need to apply for designation by the State.

3. **Ordinances & Implementation-Fines-** Discussed UTV/SXS permits. Mayor Koepke asked if there were any other permits we would like to see. The Chief said he would like to see a temporary permit for UTV's and Side by Sides for some of the rides that would have them coming through town.

4. **City Licenses**
   ➤ **Business License –** Discussed food vendors. Discussed doing a one day or picnic license like we do for liquor licenses. They should get Business Licenses but should provide a copy of a passing Health Inspection report.
   ➤ **UTV Permits –** Discussed idea for one day permits for Side-by-Side Rides.
   ➤ **Pet Permits –** Would like to see all animals required to have an owner's name, address, and phone number on a collar or tag on the animal. Would like to see all animals with shot records submitted to the city.

5. **Aldermen Thoughts**
   - ➢ **Alderman Parker-**Asked about when the annexation will be coming.
   - ➢ **Alderman Guerrant-** Discussed having a Soccer field put in the city park, behind the city lake.
   - ➢ **Alderman Novotney-** Discussed the beautification and expressed that he is excited for 2024.
   - ➢ **Alderman Via-** Would like to see a guard rail on 50 to keep a car from coming in to City Hall. Will get a hold of MODOT and see what we can get done.

6. **Mayors Thoughts-** Would like to acknowledge the board and that there have been a lot of up upgrades, especially for the police department. We have been cutting costs to help the city. Discussed that we have been able to upgrade within Public Works, we have been saving time and money with some of the equipment that has been purchased. We would like to have Alderman Via and Alderman Guerrant to take care of and schedule and take over the emergency plan. Would like to see some things done prior to Summer.

NEXT REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING
February 8, 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 7:15 PM.

Mayor, Angela Koepke

ATTEST:

City Clerk, Shelley Smythe

February 13, 2024

Date