



**CITY OF GERALD
WORKSHOP
TENTATIVE AGENDA**
106 E. Fitzgerald | Gerald Missouri
December 4, 2025 at 5:00 PM



CALL TO ORDER

The City Board of Aldermen convened on December 04, 2025, at 5:00 PM at the Gerald City Hall, 106 East Fitzgerald Avenue, Gerald, Missouri. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board President Corey Novotney.

Upon roll call, Board members present:

Mayor Corey Novotney
Ward II Alderman, Cary Parker Board Pres
Ward II Alderman Dean Isgrigg
Ward I Alderman Rudy Via

Also, present:

Shelley Smythe – City Clerk
Jim Helton – Police Chief
Nick Grube – City Administrator

Absent:

Kevin Richardson – City Attorney
Phil Pilgram – City Inspector
Terris Cates – City Engineer
Ward I Alderman Kyle Guerrant

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

WORKSHOP

City Administrator Grube presented the 2026 General Budget to the board. The budget was reviewed by the board. Discussed the differences in the Workman's Comp budget line.

The 2026 Police Budget was introduced and reviewed by the board. Chief Helton explained that he has had no luck finding a potential fifth officer, so he would like to send a potential officer to the police academy, then hire them full-time post-academy. Chief Helton also notified the board of a \$2,500 donation that will be included in the income on the final draft of the 2026 Police Budget.

The 2026 Water Budget was introduced and reviewed by the board. City Administrator Grube explained that the income for water and sewer in 2026 is based on the minimum expected income via water and sewer base rates because of the rate increase.

The 2026 Sewer Budget was introduced and reviewed by the board. City Administrator Grube reiterated that the minimum expected income is based on sewer base rates. He also stated that he has no plans to use anything out of Sewer Reserves, however, issues may arise throughout the year, but hopefully not.

The 2026 Park Budget was introduced and reviewed by the board. City Administrator Grube explained that the biggest expected expense would be maintenance, as the oldest playgrounds will need painted amongst other maintenance tasks throughout the parks.

The 2026 Street Budget was introduced and reviewed by the board. City Administrator Grube reminded the board of the 1% tax that has sunset as of December 31, 2025. Discussed restructuring payroll percentages. Discussed allocating \$20,000 for a new vehicle.



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No other questions or updates regarding the 2026 Budget. Final Draft will be presented for approval at the December 11, 2025, Regular Meeting.

Mayor Novotney discussed the TAP Grant and the Surface Transportation Program. Stated that the application submission deadline is February 6, 2026, at 4:00pm. Discussed the idea of Crosswalks from the trail to Gerald Elementary School as well as Main Street, both crossing Highway 50. Discussed the idea of using these potential funds for museums in the old elementary school and the train depot.

Mayor Novotney stated that he would like the board to think about this and come back to the Regular Meeting on December 11, 2025, ready to make a decision, so there is time left to complete and submit the proper applications.


NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Regular Meeting scheduled for Thursday, December 11, 2025, at 6:30 PM at Gerald City Hall

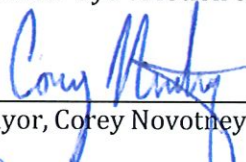
ADJOURNMENT

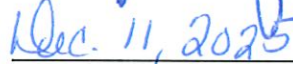
With no further business to come before the Board, Alderman Via made a motion to adjourn the Workshop. Alderman Isgrigg seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted "aye". Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM.

ATTEST:



City Clerk, Shelley Smythe



Mayor, Corey Novotney


Date