



CITY OF GERALD

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 14, 2025 at 6:30 PM



CALL TO ORDER

The City Board of Aldermen convened on August 14, 2025, at 6:31 PM at the Gerald City Hall, 106 East Fitzgerald Avenue, Gerald, Missouri. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Corey Novotney.

Upon roll call, Board members present:

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

Also, present:

Nick Grube – City Administrator
Shelley Smythe – City Clerk
Terris Cates – City Engineer
Kevin Richardson – City Attorney
James Birmingham-Officer

Absent:

Ward I Alderman Kyle Guerrant
Jim Helton – Police Chief
Phil Pilgram – City Inspector

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

MINUTES

The minutes for July 10, 2025, Regular and Executive meeting and July 21, 2025, Special Meeting were reviewed. Alderman Parker motioned to accept the minutes as is. Alderman Via seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”. Motion carried.

BILLS

The August bills were reviewed. Alderman Parker made a motion to amend the bills to include West bills. Alderman Isgrigg seconded the motion. All aldermen voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Alderman Via motioned to accept the bills provided with the addition of the West bills. Alderman Parker seconded the motion. Aldermen Parker and Via voted “aye”, Alderman Isgrigg abstained. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Otis Schulte – Expressed concerns with the Public Works Department failing to complete simple maintenance tasks, including street signs leaning, grass, and weeds growing out of control.

Jim Flannery – Stated that the property located at the corner of First Street and Cedar Street is littered with unlicensed vehicles, tires, trash, and various other code violations.

Linda Trest, Rock Island Bloomers – Stated that she has been working to take care of the trash and weeds at City Hall. She reminded the board of the need for crosswalks and asked that it be worked into the budget for 2026.



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PLANNING & ZONING

Linda Trest, Planning & Zoning Representative – Discussed manufactured homes, non-conforming homes, and accessory dwelling units. They also discussed reviewing the ordinance for billboards.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Phil Pilgram, City Inspector – Absent

Terris Cates, City Engineer – No discussion or updates.

Nick Grube, City Administrator – Stated the asphalt project is complete, and they are now working on chip and sealing City Park Dr.

Jim Helton, Chief of Police – Absent

Kevin Richardson, City Attorney – No discussion or updates.

Shelley Smythe, City Clerk – St. Gerald Church asked if they could get a Temporary Liquor License for the St Gerald Church on September 6, 2025, for their Fall Picnic.

Alderman Parker motioned to allow St. Gerald Church to receive a liquor license for September 6, 2025. Alderman Via seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”. Motion carried.

The Gerald Lions Club would like to plan fireworks on June 20, 2026. They would like to get approved now so they can reserve the park and start getting donations.

Alderman Parker motioned to allow the Gerald Lions Club to do fireworks on June 20, 2026. Alderman Isgrigg seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”. Motion carried.

INTRO TO ORDINANCES

Bill No. 2025-05, Ordinance No. 956: An Ordinance Readopting Ch 117 (Conflict of Interest).

Two readings were completed.

Alderman Parker motioned to accept Bill No. 2025-05, Ordinance No. 956. Alderman Via seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”. Motion carried. Roll call vote was done in the order of Alderman Isgrigg “aye”, and Alderman Parker “aye” and Alderman Via “aye”. Motion carried.



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Bill No. 2025-06, Ordinance No. 957: An Ordinance Approving for a lot split plat for a tract of land being part of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 11, T42N, R4W of the 5th P.M. City of Gerald.

Two readings were completed.

Alderman Parker motioned to accept Bill No. 2025-06, Ordinance No. 957. Alderman Isgrigg seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted "aye". Motion carried. Roll call vote was done in the order of Alderman Isgrigg "aye", and Alderman Parker "aye" and Alderman Via "aye". Motion carried.

ALDERMAN REPORTS

Ward I Alderman Guerrant – Absent

Ward II Alderman Isgrigg – Questioned the rate schedule for code violations and asked for the process to increase fines. Per the City Attorney, those are capped by the state.

Ward II Alderman Parker – Stated that we need new basketball rims and nets. Also asked if the City can get Wi-Fi at the park.

Ward I Alderman Via – Stated that the streets look good and notified the board that the citizens who live on Pine Street are happy with the job completed. Stated that he believes the amended fireworks ordinance worked out well this year, and it seems that most everyone obeyed it.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Corey Novotney – Stated that we need to change the start time of the Public Hearing for the Water and Sewer Rate Increase from 6:15pm to 6:30pm on August 28, 2025 to allow enough time for both the Public Hearing and Special Meeting for the Tax Levy.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Public Hearing and Special Meeting for August 28, 2025, at 6:00 PM for Tax Levy at Gerald City Hall
Public Hearing for August 28, 2025, at 6:30 PM for Water and Sewer Rates at Gerald City Hall
Regular Meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 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 regular meeting. Alderman Parker seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted "aye". Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:16 PM.

ATTEST:


City Clerk, Shelley Smythe


Mayor, Corey Novotney

9/12/2025
Date