



CITY OF GERALD
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TENTATIVE AGENDA
106 E. Fitzgerald | Gerald Missouri
December 11, 2025 at 6:30 PM



CALL TO ORDER

The City Board of Aldermen convened on December 11, 2025, at 6:30 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 I Alderman Rudy Via
Ward II Alderman Cary Parker, Board President
Ward II Alderman Dean Isgrigg

Also, present:

Jim Helton – Police Chief
Nick Grube – City Administrator
Terris Cates – City Engineer
Shelley Smythe – City Clerk
Phil Pilgram – City Inspector
Tyler Miller – City Attorney's Office

Absent:

Ward I Alderman Kyle Guerrant

AGENDA APPROVAL

Alderman Parker motioned to accept the current agenda. Alderman Isgrigg seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted "aye". Motion carried.

MINUTES

The minutes for November 13, 2024, Regular and December 04, 2025, Workshop were reviewed. Alderman Via motioned to accept the minutes as is. Alderman Parker seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted "aye". Motion carried.

BILLS

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Allen Isgrigg - Stated he noticed that there is not a lot of talking at meetings. He stated that he would like to hear the Alderman talk about what they are working on. He stated he was on a committee in college and worked a lot with planning, grants, and grant writing. Stated that he would like to work with grants if anyone needed help or ideas.

PLANNING & ZONING

Linda Trest, Planning & Zoning Representative – Stated there was no meeting in December. Stated that she thinks there will be an opening on the commission. Mayor Novotney asked Allen Isgrigg if he would like to be on the Planning and Zoning Committee. Allen Isgrigg agreed to fill the role if necessary. Linda stated she would let the City Clerk know if there is going to be an opening. Alderman Parker stated he would like to see Planning & Zoning work on a plan for the city in 2026.



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EXECUTIVE/CLOSED MEETING

Alderman Parker motioned to enter closed session pursuant to Pursuant to 610.021 (03) RSMo for discussion of Personnel Matters. Alderman Via seconded the motion. Roll call vote was done in the order of Alderman Isgrigg "aye", Alderman Parker "aye", and Alderman Via "aye". Motion carried.

Entered Executive/Closed session at 6:45 PM.

Returned to Regular/Open session at 7:09 PM.

Alderman Parker made a motion to re-enter regular open session. Alderman Via seconded the motion. All members voted "aye". Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Phil Pilgram, City Inspector – No updates or discussion.

Terris Cates, City Engineer – No updates or discussion.

Nick Grube, City Administrator – Would like to schedule a meeting to talk with some business owners and realtors about economic growth and housing growth. Would like to set it up after the January 2026 meeting. Alderman Parker stated he would like to do a workshop and then get a list together of contractors and realtors to notify about the to the meeting.

Stated he will be meeting with our liability/work comp broker on Monday (December 15, 2025) to see if we can get a lower rate in these insurance premiums.

Chief Helton – Stated that there will be 2 officers on at various times and dates due to a MODOT Traffic Grant.

Kevin Richardson, City Attorney – No discussion or updates. Kevin was absent

Shelley Smythe, City Clerk – Discussed a liquor license for Hometown Market. They called about doing a vendor tasting. The vendor is Red Ox Distillery, and they have their own "By-The-Drink" state Liquor License. Alderman Parker stated that Hometown Market should not need an additional business license if the vendor is offering free samples.

NEW BUSINESS

2026 Budget Review – There was a Workshop on December 04, 2025, to discuss the 2026 budget and review the draft 2026 budget.

Alderman Parker made a motion to approve the 2026 Budget. Alderman Isgrigg seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted "aye". Motion carried.



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ORDINANCE

Bill No. 2025-10 Ordinance 961 – An Ordinance Establishing the 2026 Budget for All Departmental Expenditures and Anticipated Revenue for the City of Gerald, Missouri

Two readings were completed.

Alderman Parker motioned to accept Bill No. 2025-10, Ordinance 961. Alderman Via seconded the motion. Roll call vote was done in the order of Alderman Isgrigg "aye", Alderman Parker "aye", and Alderman Via "aye". Motion carried.

Bill No. 2025-11 Ordinance 962 – An Ordinance Amending the Wage and Salary Ranges for Employees of the City of Gerald, Missouri

Two readings were completed.

Alderman Parker motioned to accept Bill No. 2024-11, Ordinance 962. Alderman Isgrigg seconded the motion. Roll call vote was done in the order of Alderman Isgrigg "aye", Alderman Parker "aye", and Alderman Via "aye". Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2025-03 – A Resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Gerald, Missouri, Approving and authorizing a Police Academy Training Agreement with a Police Cadet, Authorizing Execution of Related Documents, and Expressing the City's Commitment to the Police Academy.

Mayor Novotney read the Resolution aloud to the board

Alderman Parker motioned for the Mayor to sign Resolution No. 2025-03. Alderman Via seconded the motion. All aldermen voted "aye". Motion carried.

ALDERMAN REPORTS

Ward I Alderman Guerrant – Absent

Ward II Alderman Isgrigg – Stated that the Christmas lights on the poles look good. Talked with Allen Isgrigg about grants and stated that he is not familiar with grants or grant writing but will be working with Allen to find some grants. Hope get 5 grants through the year.

The intersection of Walnut and Highway 50 gets flooded when it rains. Stated that he would like to push MODOT to resolve the issue as soon as possible. City Administrator Grube stated that MODOT has plans to resolve the issue in 2026.

Ward II Alderman Parker – Asked Otis Schulte (present) for a quick update on the Rock Island Visitors Center. Otis Schulte stated that they have poured footings. He explained the plans for next year.

Reiterated that the trail has not been funded by the city. The GDA has collected donations for the visitor's center. The City received a grant for the bollards. The TAP Grant will help the trail and town grow.



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Ward 1 Alderman Via – No discussion or updates.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Corey Novotney – Would like to schedule the Workshop for before the Regular Meeting on January 8, 2026 at 5:00 PM.

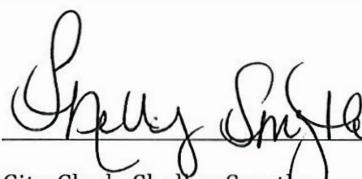
NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Workshop Thursday, January 08, 2025 at 5:00 PM at Gerald City Hall
Regular Meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 08, 2025, at 6:30 PM at Gerald City Hall

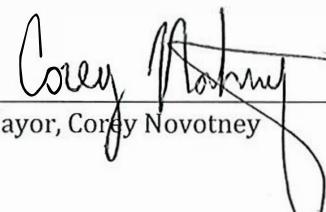
ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, Alderman Via made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting. Alderman Isgrigg seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted "aye". Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM.

ATTEST:



City Clerk, Shelley Smythe



Mayor, Corey Novotney



Date: January 15, 2024