



CITY OF GERALD

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 13, 2025 at 6:30 PM



CALL TO ORDER

The City Board of Aldermen convened on February 13, 2025, 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 I Alderman Rudy Via
Ward II Alderman Corey Novotney, Board President
Ward II Alderman Cary Parker

Also, present:

Jim Helton – Police Chief
Nick Grube – City Administrator
Davey DeFrenne – Public Works Director
Shelley Smythe – City Clerk
Phil Pilgram – City Inspector
Terris Cates – City Engineer
Kevin Richardson – City Attorney

Absent:

Ward I Alderman Kyle Guerrant

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

MINUTES

The minutes for January 09, 2025, Regular & Executive Meetings and the minutes for January 30, 2025, Workshop/Special Meeting were reviewed. Alderman Parker motioned to accept the minutes as is. Alderman Novotney seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted "aye". Motion carried.

BILLS

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

SCHEDULED VISITOR

Gerald Lions Club & committee members – Discussion of Fireworks and Fall Festival. Discussed hosting a Fireworks Show at one of the parks. They plan to get help from Hale Fireworks for the fireworks themselves and to ignite the fireworks. The Board discussed insurance and how the City would be covered. The board asked the Lions Club and Hale Fireworks if they could add the City of Gerald under their insurance as covered. The Lions asked for approval to have Legion Park donated on June 21, 2025, for the Fireworks Show. They also ask for the Legion Park to be donated on September 27, 2025, for the Lions Fall Festival.

Alderman Parker made a motion to allow the Lions to use the Legion Hall at no cost on June 21 and September 28, 2025, for their events. Alderman Via seconded the motion. All aldermen voted "aye". Motion carried.



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PLANNING & ZONING

Linda Trest, Planning & Zoning Representative – Working on Historical Ordinances. Discussed the issue with Thacker's regarding parking, no one can do their laundry or park at the library.

EXECUTIVE/CLOSED MEETING

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

Entered Executive/Closed session at 6:58 PM.
Returned to Regular/Open session at 7:00 PM.

Alderman Via made a motion to reenter regular open session. Alderman Novotney seconded the motion. All members voted "aye". Motion carried.

Mayor Koepke discussed a motion made in the Executive Meeting to continue paying Lieutenant Birmingham's salary while he is on medical leave. Chief Helton will schedule officers to maintain coverage 24/7 while he is gone.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Phil Pilgram, City Inspector – No discussions or updates. Not much going on because of the weather.

Terris Cates, City Engineer – June 2025 will get all the equipment to get the treatment plant updated. Gave information on park road. The City Attorney stated he could do a resolution for the dedication.

Nick Grube, City Administrator – No discussions or updates.

Davey DeFrenne, Public Works Director – Discussed selling the diesel lawnmower to the City of Rosebud for \$2000. Alderman Via made a motion to sell the lawnmower for \$2000. Alderman Novotney seconded the motion. All aldermen voted "aye". Motion carried. Waiting on a couple more bids for the well house roofing.

Chief Helton – No discussions or updates.

Kevin Richardson, City Attorney – No discussions or updates.

Shelley Smythe, City Clerk – No discussions or updates.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of the Amended 2024 Budget – No motion made. Waiting for Ordinance to Amend the 2024 Budget.

ALDERMAN REPORTS

Ward I Alderman Guerrant – Absent

Ward II Alderman Novotney – No discussions or updates.



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Ward II Alderman Parker – Discussed writing a thank you card to the person or people that donated the train car for the trail.

Ward I Alderman Via – Discussed no match grants for community center.

MAYOR'S REPORT

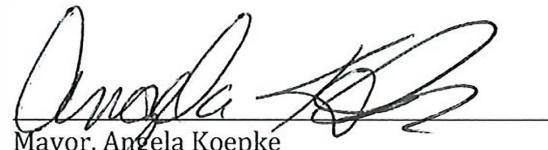
Mayor Angela Koepke – Thanked the Public Works and commended them for their good job plowing streets during the winter weather.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Regular Meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 13, 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 7:10 PM.



Mayor, Angela Koepke

ATTEST:

City Clerk, Shelley Smythe

Date



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EXECUTIVE MINUTES

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Mayor Koepke called the Executive Session to order at 6:58 PM Pursuant to 610.021 (03)
RSMo Personnel Matters

Lieutenant Birmingham will need some time off for medical reasons. Chief Helton stated there is paperwork and reports that Officer Birmingham can do while on Medical Leave, to allow him to continue to get paid within his salary position. It was discussed about having enough officers to cover his shifts. Chief Helton says he will put the officers on a "4 On 2 Off" schedule and all shifts will be covered to maintain 24/7 coverage. It was discussed that his salary will still be paid during his time off.

Alderman Via made a motion to pay Lt. Birmingham during his time off. Alderman Parker seconded the motion. All aldermen voted "aye". Motion carried.

With no further business to come before the Board, Alderman Parker made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session and return to the regular session. Alderman Via seconded the motion. Upon Roll call, the voting was as follows: Alderman Parker "aye", Alderman Via "aye", Alderman Novotney "aye", Alderman Guerrant was ABSENT. Motion carried.

Executive Session adjourned at 7:00 PM.

ATTEST:

Handwritten signature of Shelley Smythe in blue ink.

City Clerk, Shelley Smythe

Handwritten signatures of Mayor Angela Koepke and Alderman Parker in blue ink. Below the signatures is a handwritten date.

Date