

CITY OF GERALD

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 12, 2026 at 6:30 PM



CALL TO ORDER

The City Board of Aldermen convened on February 12, 2026, 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 II Alderman Cary Parker, Board President
- Ward I Alderman Rudy Via
- Ward II Alderman Dean Isgrigg

Also, present:

- Jim Helton – Police Chief
- Nick Grube – City Administrator
- 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 amend the current agenda to add Scheduled Visitor before Public Comment and move “Gerald Lions Club- Festival” to under Scheduled Visitor. Alderman Via seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”. Motion carried.

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

MINUTES

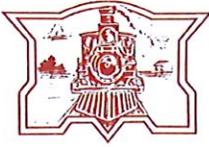
The minutes for January 15, 2026, Workshop/Regular & Executive were reviewed. Alderman Parker motioned to accept the minutes as is. Alderman Via seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”. Motion carried.

BILLS

The February bills were reviewed. Alderman Via motioned to accept the bills provided. Alderman Parker seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”, Alderman Isgrigg abstained from the Gerald Home Center Bill. Motion carried.

SCHEDULED VISITOR

Gerald Lions Club-Ronal Koppelman - Asked the board to allow the Lions Club to use Legion Park on September 26, 2026, for the Fall Festival. Gerald Lions is asked for the fee to be waived as they are a non-profit organization. Alderman Parker motioned to waive the fee for Gerald Lions Club to utilize the Legion Park on September 26, 2026, for the Fall Festival. Alderman Isgrigg seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”. Motion carried.



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PUBLIC COMMENT

Otis Schulte - Discussed Alderman Guerrant not showing up for meetings. He stated he would be willing to fill in. Would like the board to consider removing Alderman Guerrant because of his absence.

Jim Flannery - Discussed signage. Stated that multiple signs are down, turned, or not visible. Discussed code enforcement. Stated that he talked with the new officer and he is very nice. He also talked about Jarvis's property, stated that it is not cleaned up as it should be, and asked for an update.

PLANNING & ZONING

Linda Trest, Planning & Zoning Representative – Working on the Certified Local Government.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

RTP Grant update - Alderman Parker discussed another Federal Grant that should be coming for the Trail and stated that if they apply for that grant, they cannot apply for another Federal Grant. He stated that he feels that there should be a budget of \$175,000.

Alderman Isgrigg stated that he contacted Owensville. Their Grant writer is out of St. James, and she was going to be sending over what she charges per hour. He does not have that as of this meeting.

Mayor Novotney stated for Alderman Parker to get ahold of Franklin County Commissioners and see what needs to be done to connect to Rosebud.

NEW BUSINESS

Quote for Well House Upgrade/Repair – City Administrator Grube presented to the board a quote for the well house upgrade/repair for \$15,074.64. There is a chance there might be some multiple supplies needed. Administrator Grube would like to get approval to spend \$16,000 to upgrade the well house.

Alderman Via made a motion to allow Administrator Grube to spend up to \$16,000 to upgrade the well house. Alderman Isgrigg seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted "aye". Motion carried.

Bank Transfers – City Administrator Grube would like to transfer funds from the following accounts:
\$37,000 from Park Checking to Park Savings
\$140,000 from Sewer Main Operating Account to Sewer Equipment Reserve
\$90,000 from Water Operating Account to Citizens Water Account.

Alderman Parker made a motion to allow the bank transfers for the following departments of Park, Sewer, and Water. Alderman Via seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted "aye". Motion carried.

Administrator Grube would also like to open a money market account at Citizens and take most of the funds in the current water account, so it can start earning interest.

Alderman Parker made a motion to allow Administrator Grube open a money market account at Citizens Bank with the recommendation to keep the Board updated on what the interest rate is at both banks to see which bank holds the higher interest rate. to allow it to collect interest. Alderman Via seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted "aye". Motion Carried



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Blue Shield Year 2 Grant- Received information that there will be another grant available. Department of Public Safety will begin accepting grant applications in July. City Clerk Smythe has already sent some requested information.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Phil Pilgram, City Inspector- Issued a permit for a new home in Whispering Pines and just inspected the footings.

Terris Cates, City Engineer- Discussed the DNR application to have the permit renewed. Discussed the Diamond Maps to have them printed in the CAD. Gave Chief a copy of all the street maps.

Nick Grube, City Administrator-Discussed what he had in New Business.

Chief Helton-Discussed needing new tasers. The total cost would be \$14,697.64. They can either be paid for at once, or we can make yearly payments of \$2883.76 for the next 5 years in a contract.

Alderman Parker made a motion for Chief Helton to Order Portable Radio Package and pay it annually for the next 5 years. Alderman Isgrigg seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted "aye". Motion carried.

Chief Helton stated that he had previously spoken with a park ranger regarding the trail, which, if it did go to Rosebud, would be mutual aid from State Parks, and he would be willing to get more information regarding this.

Kevin Richardson, City Attorney - Discussed the proposed Storage/Shipping Container Ordinance. Stated that there needs to be a few minor changes.

Shelley Smythe, City Clerk-No discussion or updates.

ALDERMAN REPORTS

Ward I Alderman Guerrant - Absent

Ward II Alderman Isgrigg-Discussed code enforcement and the Jarvis property. Stated that both the property owner and tenant should be receiving tickets while also following legal procedure.

Asked what, or if, we have any ordinance restricting or prohibiting storage or shipping containers now. Discussed what steps we can take now to restrict or prohibit incoming containers before this new ordinance is passed, and how we can avoid "grandfathering" existing containers.

Ward II Alderman Parker - Gave an update on the visitor center for the Rock Island Trail.

Ward I Alderman Via - Wanted to thank the street department for a good job keeping the streets plowed and salted during the snow we had received.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Corey Novotney - Stated that he is very excited about the trail. Can't wait to see the exciting things it will bring for Gerald.

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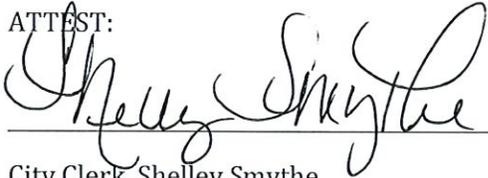


Regular Meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 12, 2026, at 6:30 PM at Gerald City Hall

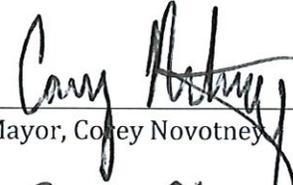
ADJOURNMENT

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 8:02 PM.

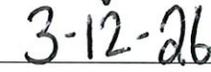
ATTEST:



 City Clerk, Shelley Smythe



 Mayor, Corey Novotney



 Date