



# CITY OF GERALD

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

### July 10, 2025 at 6:30 PM



#### CALL TO ORDER

The City Board of Aldermen convened on July 10, 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 II Alderman Cary Parker, Board President  
Ward I Alderman Rudy Via  
Ward I Alderman Kyle Guerrant  
Ward II Alderman Dean Isgrigg

Also, present:

Jim Helton – Police Chief  
Nick Grube – City Administrator  
Shelley Smythe – City Clerk  
Terris Cates – City Engineer  
Kevin Richardson – City Attorney

Absent:

Phil Pilgram – City Inspector

#### AGENDA APPROVAL

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

#### MINUTES

The minutes for June 12, 2025, Regular and Executive meeting and June 26, 2025, Special Meeting and Workshop were reviewed. Alderman Parker motioned to accept the minutes as is. Alderman Via seconded the motion. Aldermen Parker, Via, and Guerrant voted "aye", Alderman Isgrigg abstained. Motion carried.

#### BILLS

The July bills were reviewed. Alderman Via motioned to accept the bills provided. Alderman Guerrant seconded the motion. Aldermen Parker, Via, and Guerrant voted "aye", Alderman Isgrigg abstained. Motion carried.

#### SCHEDULED VISITORS

***Amanda Hackstedt, Gerald Lions Club*** – Thanked the Board for letting the Lions Club do the fireworks and gave thank you cards to everyone who helped. Stated she heard mostly positive feedback. The Lions have talked about hosting the fireworks again next year. They do have one member going to get his pyrotechnic license, which will help with the insurance in the future.

***Linda Trest, Rock Island East 24*** – Discussed the Rock Island Trail East 24 Group. This group is dedicated to growing the Rock Island Trail. They have a fundraiser planned for October 5, 2025. Stated that the group would like to close the City Park for the day to hold this event. Stated they have talked to GAA, and they do not have any events that day. They are hoping to sell approximately 1,000 – 2,000 tickets. The money raised would go towards the trail and connect it from town to town.

Alderman Parker made a motion to close the park for the fundraiser festival on October 05, 2025. Alderman Isgrigg seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted "aye". Motion carried.



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### PUBLIC COMMENT

**Kathleen Foy** – Explains that the Rock Island Trail is an important part of our community both economically and socially. She explained that once the trail connects to towns further on, the growth in our town will boom. She asked the aldermen what they could do to help and stated that the extension of the trail to neighboring towns is on the shoulders of the City.

### EXECUTIVE/CLOSED MEETING

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

Entered Executive/Closed session at 6:49 PM.  
Returned to Regular/Open session at 7:14 PM.

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

### PLANNING & ZONING

**Linda Trest, Planning & Zoning Representative** – Stated they have finished all their projects. They are going to be discussing storage containers.

### DEPARTMENT REPORTS

**Phil Pilgram, City Inspector** – Absent

**Terris Gates, City Engineer** – Explained how the rate table would work regarding the sewer and water rates. There was discussion of how the proposed rates would affect the citizens.

Alderman Parker made a motion to have a public hearing to discuss the water and sewer rates with the citizens. Alderman Via seconded the motion. All aldermen voted "aye". Motion carried.

Public Hearing has been set for August 28, 2025. The public hearing will also have the tax levy on the same evening. Public Hearing and Special Meeting have been set for the Tax Levy at 6:00 PM, followed by the Public Hearing for the Water and Sewer rates at 6:15 PM.

**Nick Grube, City Administrator** – Would like to purchase a feed tap kit for \$2,860.10. This tool would be used for water main tap, and it would be a major upgrade, as our current tool is old.

Alderman Via made a motion to allow City Administrator Grube to purchase the Feed Tap Kit for up to \$3,000. Alderman Isgrigg seconded the motion. All members voted "aye". Motion carried.

Discussed modular and manufactured homes. Stated that there have been questions about whether they would be allowed. Asked what the Board thinks about having modular and/or manufactured homes as long as they are on a foundation. Stated he would like Planning & Zoning to look at and have a discussion as well regarding having an ordinance to allow modular and/or manufactured homes.



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**Jim Helton, Chief of Police** – Stated the department has been awarded a MODOT grant for \$7,500, which was approved to put towards 2 mobile radars and a breathalyzer. Discussed the Blue Shield grant. Would like to start advertising for the position of the 5<sup>th</sup> Full-Time Officer.

**Kevin Richardson, City Attorney** – No discussion or updates.

**Shelley Smythe, City Clerk** – Asked the board to set a special meeting the week of July 21 so the mid-year financials can be reviewed, so they can be posted in the paper by July 31. Board agreed to have a special meeting on July 21, 2025 at 5:00 PM to review the mid-year financials.

### NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Parker discussed the Rock Island Trail East 24 Fundraiser.

### ALDERMAN REPORTS

**Ward I Alderman Guerrant** – No discussion or updates.

**Ward II Alderman Isgrigg** – Talked about doing looking into a splash pad more.

**Ward II Alderman Parker** – Discussed the proposed zoning changes and sending out letters as soon as possible.

**Ward I Alderman Via** – No discussion or updates.

### MAYOR'S REPORT

**Mayor Corey Novotney** – Discussed the TAP Grant. The City must go through the East-West Gateway, and the next opportunity for a grant is in November, so we will work on that one to see if we can get it.

### NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Special Meeting scheduled for June 21, 2025, at 5:00PM at Gerald City Hall.

Regular Meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 14, 2025, at 6:30 PM at Gerald City Hall.

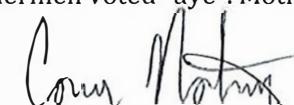
Public Hearing and Special Meeting for August 28, 2025 at 6:00 PM at Gerald City Hall.

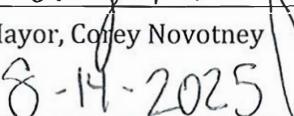
### ADJOURNMENT

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 8:10 PM.

ATTEST:

City Clerk, Shelley Smythe

  
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Mayor, Corey Novotney

  
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8-14-2025

Date