



**CITY OF GERALD**  
**REGULAR BOARD MINUTES**  
**July 13, 2023 at 6:30 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The City Board of Aldermen convened on July 13, 2023 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 I Alderman Kyle Guerrant
Ward II Alderman Corey Novotney

Also, present:

Jim Helton – Police Chief
Nick Grube – Public Works Director
Dave Streubel – City Attorney
Shelley Smythe – City Clerk
Phil Pilgram – City Inspector

Absent:

Ward II Alderman Hayden Schoenfeld
Terris Cates – City Engineer

**RECESS**

A recess was held until 7:00 PM due to no quorum at meeting start time. Alderman Via and Alderman Guerrant were running late because of a first responder call.

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

Alderman Novotney motioned to amend the agenda under New Business to allow New Mayor Appointments. Alderman Via seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Alderman Via motioned to approve the agenda with the amend under New Business to allow New Mayor Appointments. Alderman Guerrant seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”. Motion carried.

**SCHEDULED VISITORS**

***Eric Malone*** – (*Absent, Alderman Novotney spoke on his behalf*) wanted to use Main Street on September 30, 2023 for the Lions Club Fall Festival. The street would need to be closed in order to host vendors, activities, games and food. He would need to work with Nick Grube to shut down the street for that day. Car cruise was mentioned. Organizations and others wanting to volunteer are more than welcome to contact Eric Malone or a Lions Club member.



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Alderman Novotney motioned to approve for the Lions Club to use Main Street on September 30, 2023 for their Fall Festival with the help of Public Works Director Grube. Alderman Guerrant seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”. Motion carried.

**MINUTES**

The minutes for the June 15, 2023 Regular Meeting were tabled due to no quorum.

**BILLS**

The June bills were reviewed. Alderman Via motioned to accept the bills provided in the packet. Alderman Novotney seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”. Motion carried.

**PLANNING & ZONING**

**Linda Trest**, *Planning & Zoning Representative* – Tabled everything in their meeting on July 11, 2023.

**Cary Parker**, *Planning & Zoning Representative* - They do have several openings. Giving Mayor Koepke a list.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Phil Pilgram**, *City Inspector* – Fortner’s Dangerous Building is down. Framing is being worked on at several new residential builds around town and planning to have several more new constructions.

**Terris Cates**, *City Engineer* – N/A

**Nick Grube**, *Public Works Director* – Should be able to start the Chip and Seal Project in the first part of August. Discussed the idea of naming the road that circles the City Park to use street funds to maintain it and also for safety. Likes the idea of naming it Stewart Avenue, Lake Charles Drive, or Lions Club Drive, but is open to suggestions. Wants to post on Facebook or city website asking for ideas or suggestions.

**Jim Helton**, *Police Chief*, - N/A

**Dave Streubel**, *City Attorney* – N/A

**Shelley Smythe**, *City Clerk* – Wanted approval for the new city flag. New flag says “Rock Island Town” and that the city was established in 1901.

Alderman Novotney motioned to approve the new city flag design to incorporate the Rock Island Trail. Alderman Guerrant seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”. Motion carried.



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**NEW BUSINESS**

**Schedule a Special Meeting** – July 26 at 6:00 PM to open and discuss RFQ's for City Attorney and City Engineer, Mid-Year Financials, and a Workshop with Cary Parker to discuss grants and funding for the Rock Island Trail.

**Mayor Appointments** – *City Clerk*, Shelley Smythe

*Public Works Director*, Nick Grube

*Chief of Police*, Jim Helton

*Standing Committees* (Two Board of Alderman members for following)

*Public Works*, Alderman Via and Alderman Guerrant

*Police*, Alderman Novotney and Alderman Schoenfeld

*Planning & Zoning Board Representative*, Alderman Via

Alderman Novotney motioned to accept the New Mayor Appointments. Alderman Via seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted "aye". Motion carried.

*Board of Alderman President*, Alderman Novotney

Alderman Via motioned to accept Alderman Novotney as the Board President. Alderman Guerrant seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted "aye". Motion carried.

**ALDERMAN REPORTS**

**Alderman Schoenfeld** – N/A

**Alderman Guerrant** – N/A

**Alderman Novotney** – Said it would be helpful to plan a Workshop to discuss the trial.

**Alderman Via** – Discussed rezoning Canaan road from Commercial to residential. Discussed the hazard of house fires and the issues being zoned as commercial would cause if residents were to rebuild. City Inspector Pilgram confirmed that there would be issues and stressed the importance of being zoned correctly.

**MAYOR REPORTS**

**Mayor Koepke** – Praised the firework show, said it was great and excited for the future of the show. Thanked businesses and volunteers for donating and helping bring the event together. Stated that she noticed kids and other community members of all ages enjoying the show and these are the kinds of events that our community needs.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Cary Parker** – Discussed the Dedication of the Rock Island Trail as the 93<sup>rd</sup> Missouri State Park. E-24 group has asked him to speak because of the recognition at the State level for the work being done in Gerald (water tower, flag, Rock Island Town on uniforms) and presented him with a plaque which he gave it to the City.



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**Otis Schulte** – States that the Emergency Meeting did not need to be an emergency and there should have been 24 hours’ notice. Discussed the appointment of the Mayor and that he had people ask him about why he was not appointed. Special Meeting should not have had minutes or appointments on the agenda. Also discussed the stop sign at Keagan Place and South Bernhardt Avenue and that there needs to be an ordinance to place a road sign.

**Brad Landwehr** – States that there are two (2) dead trees at Legion Park that need to be removed. He thinks Public Works should just take a bucket truck and take them down. Says it has been going on for 2 years. Says that he has had people ask him about the removal of the trees.

**NEXT REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING**

August 10, 2023 at 6:30 PM

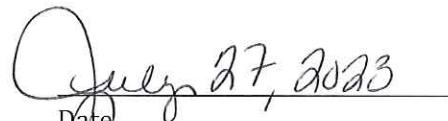
**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Board, Alderman Via made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting. Alderman Guerrant seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM.

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk, Shelley Smythe

  
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Mayor, Angela Koepke

  
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Date