



CITY OF GERALD

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 12, 2025 at 6:30 PM



CALL TO ORDER

The City Board of Aldermen convened on May 12, 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 II Alderman Corey Novotney, Board President
Ward I Alderman Rudy Via
Ward II Alderman Cary Parker
Ward I Alderman Kyle Guerrant

Also, present:

Jim Helton – Police Chief
Nick Grube – City Administrator
Shelley Smythe – City Clerk
Terris Cates – City Engineer
Royce Ingram – Bartlett & West
Briannah Spisak – Bartlett & West
Kevin Richardson – City Attorney
Phil Pilgram – City Inspector

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 May 15, 2025, Regular and Executive meeting and May 30, 2025, Special Meeting were reviewed. Alderman Parker motioned to accept the minutes as is. Alderman Guerrant seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”. Motion carried.

BILLS

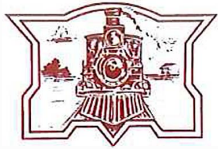
The June bills were reviewed, Alderman Parker motioned to accept the bills provided. Alderman Via seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”. Motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY/RELATIONS

Life Saving Awards – Gerald Area Ambulance District Chief Anthony Milanowski, Gerald-Rosebud Fire Protection District Chief Rudy Via, and Gerald Police Department Chief Jim Helton presented Life Saver Awards to GPD Lt. Birmingham, Between the White Lines, GAAD Paramedic Waddell, GAAD EMT Haase, GRFPD Firefighter Koepke, GRFPD Firefighter Griffith, GRFPD Firefighter Angell, GRFPD BC Aytes, and Franklin County 911 Dispatchers Lendell, Gaddis, Ownby, and Newman.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.



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PLANNING & ZONING

Linda Trest, Planning & Zoning Representative – Stated they re-reviewed the proposed Zoning Map. States would like to see all current B-1 properties along Highway 50 remain B-1.

EXECUTIVE/CLOSED MEETING

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

Entered Executive/Closed session at 6:46 PM.

Returned to Regular/Open session at 7:22 PM.

Alderman Novotney made a motion to re-enter regular open session. Alderman Guerrant seconded the motion. All members voted “aye”. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Phil Pilgram, City Inspector – Stated that the bottom floors are done on the townhouses, and they are getting ready to start the 2nd floor.

Terris Cates, City Engineer – Discussed the zoning map.

Alderman Parker made motion to move forward with the new recommendation for the zoning map. Alderman Via seconded. All Aldermen voted “aye” motion carried.

Discussed City Park Dr. Discussed the Rate Study and suggests a Workshop is scheduled to further go into detail. A workshop was scheduled for Thursday, June 26 at 5:30 PM.

Nick Grube, City Administrator – No discussion or updates.

Jim Helton, Chief of Police – The Gerald Police Department received the Blue Shield Program to be able to apply for a portion of \$10 million in grants. The grants can be used to improve Law Enforcement.

Kevin Richardson, City Attorney – No discussion or updates.

Shelley Smythe, City Clerk – No discussion or updates.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.



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ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

Bill No. 2025-04 Ordinance No. 955 An Ordinance Authorizing the Dedication of a New Roadway within the City Limits of the City of Gerald, Missouri, within the Gerald City Park.

Two readings were completed.

Alderman Novotney motioned to accept Bill No. 2025-04, Ordinance 955. Alderman Via seconded the motion. Roll call vote was done in the order of Alderman Guerrant "aye", Alderman Novotney "aye", Alderman Parker "aye", and Alderman Via "aye". Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2025-02 – Resolution No. 2025-02 A Resolution Authorizing the Filing of an Application with the Franklin County Transportation Grant Funding, authorizing a Designated Representative for Executing Required Documents on Behalf of the City, Affirming the City's Local Match, Committing to Complete the Project by the End of 2025 Award and the Finances to Operate and Maintain the Completed Project.

Mayor Koepke read the Resolution aloud to the board.

Alderman Guerrant motioned for the Mayor to sign Resolution No. 2025-02. Alderman Novotney seconded the motion. All aldermen voted "aye". Alderman Via absent. Motion carried.

ALDERMAN REPORTS

Ward I Alderman Guerrant – Stated he is waiting on Reinhold to get the poles set. Stated that he and City Administrator Grube drove around town to observe storm water drains, and there are a lot of issues with that.

Ward II Alderman Novotney – Commended everyone for all the progress and community gatherings going on. Stated he likes to see the town be lively and full of people.

Ward II Alderman Parker – Stated the Trail Grand Opening was a great success. Stated that there are a lot of new things coming in and there are some fundraisers coming up for the trail.

Ward I Alderman Via – No discussion or updates.



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MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Angela Koepke – Stated that there were a lot of people in our town, and it was nice. There are positive changes, and she is happy to see it. She presented the board with her letter of resignation. She expressed concerns with department heads and City Hall operations. Alderman Novotney and Alderman Parker stated that they don't want to see her leave but are left with no choice than to accept her resignation.

Alderman Parker made a motion to accept the Mayor's letter of resignation. Alderman Via seconded the motion. All aldermen voted "aye". Motion carried.

Former Mayor Koepke exited the meeting at 7:53 PM.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

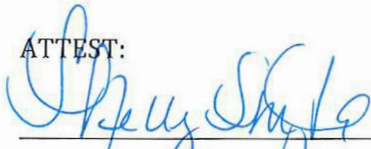
Special Meeting and Workshop scheduled for Thursday, June 26, 2025, at 5:30PM at Gerald City Hall.

Regular Meeting scheduled for Thursday, July 10, 2025, at 6:30 PM at Gerald City Hall.

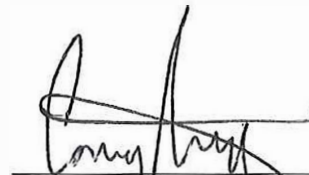
ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, Alderman Via made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting. Alderman Guerrant seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted "aye". Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM.

ATTEST:



City Clerk, Shelley Smythe



Interim Mayor, Corey Novotney
7-10-2025

Date