



**PUBLIC HEARING  
WATER/SEWER RATE INCREASE**  
106 E Fitzgerald Avenue – Gerald Missouri  
September 11, 2025 at 6:00 PM



**CITY OF GERALD  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
TENTATIVE AGENDA**  
106 E. Fitzgerald | Gerald Missouri  
September 11, 2025 at 6:30 PM

**CALL TO ORDER**

The City Board of Aldermen convened on September 11, 2025, at 6:00 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 II Alderman Dean Isgrigg  
Ward I Alderman Rudy Via

Also, present: Terris Cates – City Engineer  
Kevin Richardson – City Attorney  
James Birmingham – Lieutenant  
Nick Grube – City Administrator  
Shelley Smythe – City Clerk  
Phil Pilgram – City Inspector

Absent: Ward I Alderman Kyle Guerrant  
Jim Helton – Police Chief

**Public Hearing – Water/Sewer Rate Increase**

- **Opening of the Hearing** – Mayor Novotney opened the hearing at 6:01 PM regarding Water and Sewer Rate Increase
- **Public Comment** – Alderman Parker explained to residents the reason for the rate increase.
- **Board Discussion** – No board discussion.
- **Close of Hearing** - With no further discussion to come before the Board, Mayor Novotney closed the public hearing at 6:24 p.m.

Alderman Parker motioned to close the public hearing at 6:24 PM. Alderman Isgrigg seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Mayor Novotney opened the Regular Meeting at 6:30 PM.

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

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



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**MINUTES**

The minutes for August 14, 2025, Regular Meeting and August 28, 2025, Public Hearing and Special Meeting were reviewed. Alderman Via motioned to accept the minutes as is. Alderman Isgrigg seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “aye”. Motion carried.

**BILLS**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

***Lauri Link*** – Discussed parking, entrance gate, and layout for the Concert on October 5, 2025

**INTRO TO ORDINANCES**

Bill No. 2025-08, Ordinance 959: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 700 of the Code of the City of Gerald, Missouri by Amending Section 700.170 Pertaining to Water and Sewer Rates and Establishing the Effective Date Thereof.

Two readings were completed.

Alderman Isgrigg motioned to accept Bill No. 2025-08, Ordinance 959. Alderman Parker seconded the motion. Roll call vote was done in the order of Alderman Isgrigg “aye”, Alderman Parker “aye”, and Alderman Via “aye”. Motion carried.

**PLANNING & ZONING**

***Linda Trest, Planning & Zoning Representative*** – Stated that the commission discussed storage containers, sheds, accessory and non-conforming buildings.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

***Phil Pilgram, City Inspector*** – Stated that the elementary school is doing some remodeling, mostly cosmetic work on the gym.

***Terris Cates, City Engineer*** – Stated that he will be contacting Parkson due to the aeration system. He states that he is not happy, and it looks like there may be some issues.

***Nick Grube, City Administrator*** – Discussed 3 water leaks over the past month. Taps were installed for new houses on Meadow St. Stated that he and the Public Works Department have been working on a Nature Trail at the City Park.



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

***Shelley Smythe, City Clerk*** – Bistro at the Mill has applied for a Temporary Liquor License for the Rock the Trail Music Fest October 5, 2025.

Alderman Via made a motion to allow Bistro at the Mill to receive a temporary liquor license for the Rock the Trail Music Fest that will be held at the City Park on October 5, 2025. Alderman Isgrigg seconded the motion. All aldermen voted "aye". Motion carried.

**ALDERMAN REPORTS**

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

***Ward II Alderman Cary Parker*** – Ask the council if they could personally share the Rock Island Music Fest. Discussed ordinance violations and citations. City Attorney Richardson discussed the process of collecting fees from citations. Alderman Parker asked about the number of citations written and the frequency of writing.

***Ward I Alderman Guerrant*** – Absent

***Ward II Alderman Isgrigg*** – Has been looking into the splash pad

**MAYOR'S REPORTS**

***Mayor Corey Novotney*** – Thanked City Administrator Grube for working on the Nature Trail. He also thanked the Rock Island Bloomers for all of their work around the city. He said he is grateful for everyone working so hard, and he is proud to be Mayor.


**NEXT REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING**

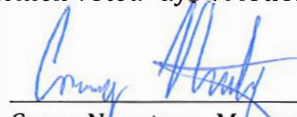
Regular Meeting on October 08, 2025, at 6:30 PM

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

ATTEST:

  
Shelley Smythe, City Clerk

  
Corey Novotney, Mayor

  
Date