

**MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE GERVAIS CITY COUNCIL
COUNTY OF MARION, STATE OF OREGON
HELD AT GERVAIS CITY HALL AT 6:45 PM ON OCTOBER 17, 2019**

1. Call to Order

Mayor Shanti Platt called the meeting to order at 6:54 PM.

2. Roll Call

Mayor Shanti Platt	Present
Councilor Micky Wagner	Absent, excused
Councilor Baltazar Gonzalez	Present
Council President Michael Gregory	Present
Councilor Wes Leiva	Present
Councilor John Harvey	Present

Staff Present: City Manager Susie Marston, City Recorder Tim Rhyne

Others Present: Jamie Johnk, City of Woodburn Zone Manager

3. Announcements:

- a. Additions/deletions to the agenda – None noted

4. New Business

- a. Expansion of Woodburn-Gervais Enterprise Zone Boundary – Jamie Johnk, City of Woodburn Zone Manager

Because Gervais is part of the Woodburn enterprise zone, Woodburn needs the approval of the City of Gervais in order to expand the enterprise zone boundary. Jamie explained the reasoning behind expanding the enterprise zone and fielded questions from the council. A resolution needs to be passed by Gervais City council in order for the expansion to be approved. There was discussion between Jamie and the council regarding the impact of the zone expansion. Please listen to the audio recording for additional detail.

- b. Discussion on Increasing Water, Wastewater and Stormwater User Rates; Water, Wastewater and Stormwater SDCs; Water and Wastewater Connection Fees; and late fees and reconnection fees.

Susie presented the updated water, sewer and stormdrain utility rates as well as an updated fee schedule. The overall rate increase comes to just over \$11 per month per account. The fee schedule includes increases to fees for late payments and reconnection charges. These proposed increases come from the recently updated utility master plans. The council discussed the rate increases and requested that water allowance be increased from 700 cubic feet to 1000 cubic feet. This would be increased to give residents a larger amount of included water along

with the rate increase. There was also discussion about the late fees and reconnection charges. The council agreed that the new rate changes would go into effect January 1, 2019. Part of the recommendation would be for the water rates to increase by 2.75% annually through 2035. The council approved the 2.75% annual increase.

Susie also discussed the recommended changes to the SDC fees. The water SDC fees are proposed to be lower, with a minor overall increase to the total combined SDC from water, sewer and stormdrain. The council discussed the proposed SDC fees. Please listen to the audio file for more details.

5. Adjourn

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 PM.

I, TIM RHYNE, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING MINUTES OF SAID MEETING OF THE GERVAIS CITY COUNCIL HELD ON OCTOBER 17, 2019 ARE, TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY, CORRECT AS RECORDED.

ATTESTED:

Timothy Rhyne, City Recorder

Shanti M. Platt, Mayor