

**MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE GERVAIS CITY COUNCIL
COUNTY OF MARION, STATE OF OREGON
HELD AT GERVAIS CITY HALL AT 7:00 PM ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2018**

1. Call to Order

Mayor Platt called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. Roll Call

Mayor Shanti Platt	Present
Councilor Micky Wagner	Present
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, Police Chief Peter Spirup

Others Present: Claudia Davis, Oregon DEQ

3. Announcements:

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

4. New Business

- a. Discussion about backyard burning with Claudia Davis, Oregon DEQ

Chief Spirup gave a background of the ongoing concerns and problems relating to backyard burning in Gervais. Claudia Davis was present to aid the council with their questions about DEQ regulations relating to the burning of materials in the City. The Chief reviewed several potential changes that could be made to the City code to help curb some of the issues of outdoor burning in Gervais. Claudia gave information to the council about current burn regulations that would be applicable to Gervais. Open burning is allowed only during two different parts of the year, in the spring and in the fall. There was discussion about the current Gervais code that talks about backyard burning in City limits.

Mayor Platt talked about the health concerns of burning debris in Gervais. Councilor Wagner stated that she is concerned about the safety aspect of backyard burning in neighborhoods with small lots. One of the major concerns is when people burn garbage instead of yard debris. The council conversed about the method of regulating types of burning. Councilor Harvey said that educating people about the laws related to burning is very important. There was general discussion about enforcement and the ways that people should comply with burning laws. The Mayor mentioned that a Gervais news flyer would be helpful with informing citizens of ordinances in town. Claudia talked about the health hazards with backyard burning, both legal

and illegal. The council decided to adopt the DEQ regulations and revisit the matter after a trial run. Chief Spirup stated that he thought adopting the DEQ regulations would be a good start in resolving issues of backyard burning in Gervais.

The council gave consensus to Chief Spirup to move forward with adopting the DEQ regulations for backyard burning in Gervais.

There was a brief discussion about contrails (or chemtrails). Claudia gave information about contrails and how they are created. She also gave additional resources to the council if any questions arise.

5. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM.

I, TIM RHYNE, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING MINUTES OF SAID MEETING OF THE GERVAIS CITY COUNCIL HELD ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2018 ARE, TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY, CORRECT AS RECORDED.

ATTESTED:

Timothy Rhyne, City Recorder

Shanti M. Platt, Mayor