

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GERVAIS CITY COUNCIL
COUNTY OF MARION, STATE OF OREGON
HELD AT GERVAIS CITY HALL ON AUGUST 4TH, 2016**

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

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

Staff Present: City Manager Susie Marston, City Recorder Tim Rhyne, Police Chief Peter Spirup and Public Works Superintendent Pat Claxton.

Others Present: Renee Willer, Petra Vela

3. Announcements:

a. Additions/deletions to the agenda

- i. Intent to award contract to GT Excavating, LLC for Grove Avenue storm drain project. (6d)

4. Public Comment:

- a. **Public comment is limited to three (3) minutes per person with an optional two (2) minutes for Council questions and answers. If you wish to address Council please come forward to the podium and identify yourself for the record.**

Renee Willer of DataVision Coop (Gervais Telephone) introduced herself to the council and talked about her move to DataVision. Renee briefly discussed some of her plans for future services that will be provided to Gervais residents.

5. Consent Calendar:

- a. Approval of the minutes of the July 7th, 2016 Regular Meeting
- b. Approval of bill list for June 29 – July 27, 2016

Councilor Wagner made a motion to accept the consent calendar as presented, seconded by Councilor Leiva. Motion is unanimously carried and so moved.

6. New Business

- a. Consideration of support for community center

Petra Vela approached the council and talked about the potential idea of a community center in Gervais. She discussed the benefits and uses that a community center could potentially provide and also a potential starting location for a community center. Petra asked that the council would consider financial support to have a fund raising consultant come in and find ways to raise funding for the community center. Mayor Platt gave Petra information about how the process would work for the council to support the idea of a community center, whether by vote or financial support. The council briefly discussed the support of a community center. The council also discussed other ways that funds could be raised for support of a community center. There was a short talk about the sustainability of a community center at this point in time.

- b. Consideration of donation to the LOC foundation

Susie Marston informed the council that Gervais had donated to the League of Oregon Cities (LOC) Foundation last year and asked if they would be interested in making the same donation again this year in the amount of \$126. Mayor Platt talked to the council about the benefits provided by the LOC including professional advice and scholarships to various training events. The council discussed how much should be donated to the LOC Foundation. Councilor Harvey suggested donating \$100 to the LOC Foundation. After a short discussion the council decided to donate \$100 to the LOC Foundation.

Councilor Harvey made a motion to donate \$100 to the LOC Foundation, seconded by Councilor Gregory. Motion is unanimously carried and so moved.

- c. Renew Oregon Public Works Emergency Response Cooperative Assistance Agreement

Susie explained that this agreement is sent out by the state of Oregon to all the cities and is an agreement for cities to help each other in time of need. The agreement also allows cities to recover expenses for services provided to neighboring cities. There was a short discussion about the agreement.

Councilor Wagner made a motion to renew the Oregon Public Works Emergency Response Cooperative Assistance Agreement, seconded by Councilor Leiva. Motion is unanimously carried and so moved.

- d. Intent to award contract to GT Excavating, LLC for Grove Avenue storm drain project

Susie told the council that bids were sent out to three contractors for the storm drain project on Grove Avenue. Two of the contractors returned bids and GT Excavating, LLC was the lower of the two bids. Steve with Tetra Tech is recommending that the city give intent to award the project to GT Excavating.

Councilor Wagner made a motion to give intent to award the contract to GT Excavating, LLC in the amount of \$19,212 and authorize the Mayor to sign same, seconded by Councilor Gonzalez. Motion is unanimously carried and so moved.

7. Staff Reports:

- a. City Manager

Susie talked to the council about the recent charrette that we held on July 23rd at Gervais Elementary School. The charrette consisted of a tour of the town which included the city parks, old jail house, the mural, bakery and other places of interest. There were roughly 35 people who were at the charrette including the class from the University of Oregon. Susie outlined some of the ideas that the group came up with for Gervais and said that a report from the class will be submitted to the council.

Dollar General is still moving forward with the project on the corner of Douglas and 99E and Marion County now has the plans for review. It should take about three weeks to get the plans back. It is hoped that they will begin breaking ground in September.

Susie told the council that Matt with Republic Services would like to be at the September council meeting to discuss a change in rates. There was a brief discussion about the rates for garbage service.

The LOC conference is coming up and the early-bird registration deadline is August 5th. The base cost for a councilor to attend the conference is \$285. Susie will be applying for a scholarship for the conference.

There was a short discussion about the cost for hosting the charrette at the school district.

- b. Police Department

Chief Spirup informed the council that Officer Mark Chase will be going solo next week. He also mentioned that there are some problems with the white Dodge Charger patrol car and it is currently being diagnosed. Chief Spirup commented that it is planned to replace the white Charger this year since it is the next vehicle up for replacement. There was a discussion about the patrol cars and their replacement. The council gave consensus to Chief Spirup to move forward with purchasing a new patrol vehicle. The council briefly discussed the issue with illegal fireworks in Gervais.

Chief Spirup told the council about a recent public forum held between the NAACP and local chiefs of police, Marion County Sheriff and others.

c. Public Works

Pat Claxton updated the council on the street widening project on Ivy Avenue between 1st and 3rd Streets. There was a brief discussion about parking on the streets. Councilor Wagner asked Pat about the rolled sidewalk curbs on the east side of town.

8. Business from the Mayor or Council

a. Mayor

Mayor Platt updated the council on her recent attendance of the Oregon Mayors Conference. As part of the conference, there was a tour of Lincoln City's Emergency Response Center. The council had a discussion about emergency management in Gervais. Mayor Platt discussed the raffle items for the 4th of July. The Mayor asked that if anyone had a good contact at a car dealership for a raffle vehicle to let her know. Susie Marston mentioned that anyone running for council has the option of putting a message in the voter pamphlet, for a fee. Susie also mentioned that she will be out on vacation for the next week.

b. Council

Council President Leiva told the council that the Fiesta Mexicano is coming up next week on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The Hoopla basketball tournament is also coming up. The council briefly discussed the location of the Hoopla tournament.

9. Adjourn

a. Council was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

I, TIM RHYNE, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING MINUTES OF SAID MEETING OF THE GERVAIS CITY COUNCIL HELD ON AUGUST 4, 2016 ARE, TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY, CORRECT AS RECORDED.

ATTESTED:



Tim Rhyne, City Recorder



Shanti Platt, City Mayor