

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE GERVAIS CITY COUNCIL
COUNTY OF MARION, STATE OF OREGON
HELD AT GERVAIS CITY HALL WITH ZOOM ALTERNATIVE AT 7:00 PM ON JULY 1, 2021**

1. Call to Order
2. Mayor Annie Gilland called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilor Gonzalez

4. Roll Call

Mayor Annie Gilland	Present (via Zoom)
Councilor Pamela Foreman	Present
Councilor Baltazar Gonzalez	Present
Council President Micky Wagner	Present
Councilor Diana Bartch	Present
Councilor John Harvey	Present

Staff Present: City Manager Susie Marston, City Recorder Denise Dahlberg, Public Works Superintendent John Robinson

Others Present:
None

4. Announcements/Additions
None

5. Public Comment

Sandra Foote Gregory lives at 680 Douglas Ave. Sandra mentioned how impressed she was to see the Gervais Police Officers talking with the children at her husband's memorial service.

Chief Joe Budge with the Woodburn Fire District assured the council that the Fire District would be standing by during the fireworks display to assist with any possible fire danger.

Brian Wagner lives at 166 Hemlock Dr. and asked the council to consider banning or minimizing the use fireworks before and after the 4th of July. Wagner states there should be more public awareness of the danger of illegal fireworks. Wagner suggested placing extreme fire danger signs around town and posting public awareness on public and social media platforms.

Chris Bartch lives at 929 Mahan Loop and agreed with Brian Wagner about the illegal fireworks situation and voiced his concern about the potential fire danger. Bartch stated that the City's ordinance is currently in correlation with the County's ordinance in regards to this issue. Bartch asked the council to consider creating and adopting an ordinance that is tailored to the City of Gervais.

Maria Perez lives at 770 Ivy Avenue. Perez reported people were speeding coming off the corner of Butteville and Ivy St. Perez expressed her concern for her family's safety. She explained that several of the cars at her home have been hit and her husband was injured as a direct result of people speeding. She is worried about people running into her house and asked if there was anything that could be done.

There was a discussion amongst the council about asking PD for more coverage in that area and putting a speed trailer at 8th and Ivy.

6. Consent Calendar:

- a. Approval of the minutes of the May 6, 2021 Regular Session
- b. Approval of the minutes of the May 20, 2021 Budget Committee Meeting
- c. Approval of the minutes of the June 3, 2021 Regular Session
- b. Approval of bill list for May 26 – June 24, 2021

Council President Wagner made a motion to approve the July 1st, 2021 consent calendar as presented, seconded by Councilor Bartch.

Councilor Harvey asked for a Point of Order and suggested someone other than Council President Wagner make the motion, because she wasn't at the entire meeting on May 6th 2021. Mayor Gilland stated Harvey was correct in his suggestion.

Councilor Foreman made a motion to approve the July 1st consent calendar as presented, seconded by Councilor Bartch.

Mayor Gilland suggested that anyone who had conflict with the May 6th meeting or left the meeting early, should stand down from a vote to make it legitimate. She stated they didn't have to, but she would.

Mayor Gilland took a single vote. Councilor Foreman voted "aye" in favor, Councilor Gonzalez voted "aye", Council President Wagner voted "aye", Councilor Bartch voted "aye", Councilor Harvey voted "aye". Motion is unanimously carried and so moved.

7. Presentations

None

8. Public Hearing

a. Site Development Review, File No. SDR 2021-01, 600 Block of 4th Street (continued)

I. Open public hearing and note time for the record

Mayor Gilland opened and noted the time of record as 7:25 PM.

Councilor Barch made a motion to continue the public hearing for land use file #SDR 2021-01 to the regularly scheduled City Council meeting of August 5, 2021 at 7:00 pm without taking staff report, accepting public testimony, or conducting Council discussion during July 1st meeting, seconded by Councilor Wagner. Motion was unanimously carried and so moved.

II. Close public hearing

The hearing was closed at 7:25 PM

9. Action Items

None

10. Old Business

a. Consideration to contribute to Woodburn Toursim Kiosk (continued discussion)

Mayor Gilland stated she was not for it and would let the council discuss it and do what they want to do.

Councilor Harvey stated that he was originally for it but had changed his mind. Harvey believes that the Kiosk is a form of advertisement and he doesn't feel the City of Gervais should pay for advertisement for Bauman's or any of those places. Councilor Harvey stated whether the money comes to us in a grant or wherever, it should go to a skate park or a park for the kids.

In response to Councilor Harvey, City Manager Marston stated that a park is a legitimate expense for the grant money.

Council President Wagner stated she understood Harvey's statement and she "50/50 agreed". Wagner informed the council that Bauman's had been a huge contributor to Gervais for over 9 years in regards to donations during times of need. Wagner agreed on the importance of the park for the kids, but that some of the grant money should be used for the Kiosk to show appreciation for all the contributions they had made.

There was a discussion amongst the council about the grant and estimated cost for the skate park.

City Manager Marston stated she did not have exact cost estimates for a park/skate park. She explained that it depended on the details of the park. Marston guessed over \$45,000.

Councilor Gonzalez informed the council that he wanted to get in touch with the gentleman that brought the idea of the skate park to ask for his written plans and ideas.

Councilor Foreman stated she felt partnering with community members is an important aspect for the City of Gervais and she was in favor of donating the \$2500.

Councilor Bartch was 50/50 on her decision. She did agree with Foreman that we should stay connected to the North Marion Region.

Councilor Foreman made a motion to approve the donation in the amount of \$2500 to the Woodburn Toursim Kiosk, seconded by Council President Wagner. Mayor Gilland took a single vote. Councilor Gonzalez voted "aye", Councilor Foreman voted "aye", Councilor Harvey voted "ney", Council President Wagner voted aye", Councilor Bartch voted "aye". With 4 "aye's" and 1 "ney", motion is carried and so moved.

11. New Business

- a. Consider donation to LOC Foundation

City Manager Marston explained that every year the City receives a letter from the LOC Foundation. It is a scholarship fund for elected officials to use for trainings and conferences. The suggested donation is \$130.

Council President Wagner pointed out that it is well over the cost of \$130 to attend trainings and conferences.

Council President Wagner made a motion to approve the donation to the LOC Foundation for the suggested amount of \$130, seconded by Councilor Bartch. Motion was unanimously carried and so moved.

- b. Schedule Work Session to review PSU Compensation Study

Marston spoke with Ilene White who headed up the PSU study and she is available to speak to the council and answer any questions on August 19th.

Councilor Bartch made a motion to have a Work Session on August 19th to review the PSU Compensation Study, seconded by Councilor Foreman. Motion is unanimously carried and so moved.

- c. Schedule Work Session for council training with Beery, Elsner & Hammond, LLC.

City Manager Marston provided the council with either July 15th or 22nd as possible dates for a Work Session for council training with Beery, Elsner & Hammond.

Councilor Bartch made a motion to set a Work Session with Beery, Elsner & Hammond, LLC on July 15th at 6:30 PM contingent on Chad Jacobs being available, seconded by Council President Wagner. Motion was unanimously carried and so moved.

12. Staff Reports:

- a. City Manager – Susie Marston

Marston informed the council that the City saved \$47,000 on Workers Compensation Insurance this year. She explained that the City's insurance carrier is CIS for property and liability, but this year they have turned all their members to Saif for Workers Compensation Insurance. She found out that the City Hall generator project was approved. Marston reported that Covid restrictions are loosening and asked the council if they wanted to continue with Zoom. The council felt it was important to keep Zoom. Marston informed the council she would be out of the office next week attending the OCCMA conference. Marston reminded the council of the proposed Amazon building coming in. She pointed out that it hadn't been to the City of Woodburn for Public Hearing yet. She explained that the council would have an opportunity to attend the Public Hearing if they wanted to. She stated that Jamie Johnk and an Amazon representative did offer to talk to the Gervais City Council about the project.

There was a discussion amongst the council about being proactive in communicating with the new Amazon establishment about traffic, a potential plan with Salem/ Keizer for shuttling employees and other concerns.

Mayor Gilland suggested that the entire Gervais City Council be present at the Public Hearing for the new Amazon coming into Woodburn. Gilland stated that she believes more minds and more thoughts are stronger together, than one person's thoughts.

b. Police Department – Chief Mark Chase

Chief Chase was on vacation and provided a written report for the council.

Council President Wagner congratulated the Gervais Police Department on receiving the 2020 Silver Award for excellence in Law Enforcement Policy Management.

Councilor Foreman expressed her appreciation and thanked the Gervais Police Department for sending a DARE officer out to have a discussion with the new family that had recently moved to Gervais. The family had a theft in their home and the child was very concerned about living in the community. The one on one discussion with the Gervais Police Officer and the family was incredibly well received and helped the child feel so much better about living in Gervais. Foreman stated that personal touch meant a lot to that family.

c. Public Works – Superintendent John Robinson

Superintendent Robinson gave an update on the tree farm. He explained that there were currently two zones operating. GT excavating brought in a track hoe and cleared two more zones so that they could install poly line and sprinkler lines. The third zone is over 50 percent completed. Once it is completed, it will give them four zones to irrigate with. Robinson reported there was a sidewalk replaced at 2nd St. The fence at the basketball court was reinstalled. Robinson stated there was a pump failure at the water plant, which was an electrical issue. The electrician was notified and it has been repaired. Robinson announced that the big

Black Walnut tree on 2nd & Grove would be removed on August 26th. Robinson closed stating that 4th and 5th Streets were ready for the fireworks and signs would go out the following day.

Mayor Gilland thanked Superintendent Robinson for getting the splash pad at the park working and asked if it would continue working for the kids this summer. Robinson communicated that it would be working and it is currently programmed manually. It will run from 12:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

12. Business from the Mayor or Council

Mayor Gilland reported that she was pleased with the Gervais Police Department showing up at her mom's Memorial and visiting with the kids. She stated she heard a lot of good things in the community.

Gilland voiced that she had an issue with the May 6th minutes that were approved. She opined that they were incomplete and vague and she wasn't ready to sign them. Gilland stated she understood the charter states she is supposed to sign everything the council passes, but she has rights to not do stuff like that. She stated she would not put her signature on the May 6th minutes the way they were written.

Council President Wagner informed the council that the CERT program (herself, Chief Chase & Chief Budge) would be putting together the National Night Out. It will be on Tuesday, August 3rd from 6-8 PM. She has asked the community what they would like to have there, such as vendors or Operation Life Saver, and a movie in the park. She asked if anyone has ideas or input to please reach out to City Manager Marston.

Councilor Foreman stated she had spoken to several residents at the park and they were looking forward to the vendors and the movie at the National Night Out event.

Council President Wagner replied that chicken, corn, watermelon and strawberry shortcake will be provided and a DJ.

13. Adjourn

Mayor Gilland adjourned the meeting at 8:08 PM.

I, DENISE DAHLBERG, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING MINUTES OF SAID MEETING OF THE GERVAIS CITY COUNCIL HELD ON JULY 1, 2021 ARE, TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY, CORRECT AS RECORDED.

ATTESTED:

Denise Dahlberg, City Recorder

Annie Gilland, Mayor