

**MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE GERVAIS CITY COUNCIL
COUNTY OF MARION, STATE OF OREGON
HELD AT GERVAIS CITY HALL AT 6:30 PM ON APRIL 16, 2020**

1. Call to Order

- a. Mayor Platt called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. This meeting was held via conference call and was available to the public.

2. Roll Call

Mayor Shanti Platt	Present
Councilor Micky Wagner	Absent
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, KJ Lewis, Republic Services

3. Announcements:

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

4. New Business

- a. Discussion on Republic Services Rate Adjustment – KJ Lewis and additional staff, Republic Services

KJ Lewis introduced herself and her staff and presented information to the council regarding the rate review. The council was sent a rate review packet for this meeting. Republic Services gave a presentation in the summer of 2019 regarding changes to recycling services. Many of these changes stem from reductions in the amount of recycling that is being accepted by China. KJ Lewis spoke about types of recycling materials and changes to recycling processors. She spoke about recycling markets in the US and how it is affected by other countries. KJ reviewed the services that are provided to Gervais including the number of drivers that serve Gervais, amounts of refuse that was hauled and annual city cleanup involvement.

Will Matthias of Republic Services talked about the financial position of the company in relation to current and proposed rates. Republic Services is proposing a rate adjustment of 10%. Some of the most significant business costs are from disposal and recycling. Will showed the council a breakdown of costs that are faced by Republic Services. He stated that several cities in the area have approved rate adjustments.

Councilor Harvey asked why rates are different for different cities. There was brief discussion about how rates vary from city to city. If this adjustment is approved, then it is assumed that

Republic Services wouldn't need to come back for another adjustment until 2022/2023. There was brief discussion about changes to pricing. KJ Lewis spoke about communications that are being sent out about any changes to service provided by Republic Services. After discussion, the council asked that the rate adjustment would start at September 1, 2020 and Republic Services agreed to that start date. Mayor Platt thanked Republic Services for their help and support with the annual citywide cleanups.

Please listen to the audio recording for additional details.

5. Adjourn

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.

I, TIM RHYNE, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING MINUTES OF SAID MEETING OF THE GERVAIS CITY COUNCIL HELD ON APRIL 16, 2020 ARE, TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY, CORRECT AS RECORDED.

ATTESTED:

Timothy Rhyne, City Recorder

Shanti M. Platt, Mayor