

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE GERVAIS CITY COUNCIL
COUNTY OF MARION, STATE OF OREGON
HELD AT GERVAIS CITY HALL WITH TEAMS MEETING ALTERNATIVE AT 7:00 PM ON January 4, 2024**

1. Call to Order

Mayor Annie Gilland called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Mayor Annie Gilland	Present
Councilor Rob Ladd	Present
Councilor Baltazar Gonzalez	Present
Council President Michael Gregory	Present
Councilor Joel Ramon	Present
Councilor John Harvey	Present

Staff Present: City Manager Interim Roger Brown, Admin Assistant Laura Clifton, Police Lt Tim West

Others Present: None

Announcements/Additions

Switching 10 b. with 5. Consent Calander to accommodate the Ed Trompke, City Lawyer

4. Public Comment

Sandra Gregory, 345 7th St, expressed wanting to have a live Christmas / Memorial tree for next year.

Brian Wagner, 166 E Hemlock Dr., expressed concern about recent leadership, newly hired employees & charter changes.

Douglas Lanphere, 940 Winfield St NE, expressed his gratitude for the city coming together and all that has been done. He also spoke about the proposed charter change.

Susie Marston, Keizer, voiced her concern echoing what Brian Wagner stated also why council has not had discussion to hire a City Manager and a push for a charter change on the ballot.

Linda Jensen, 1060 8th St, it is nice for people to care about their community, but when their actions are derogatory.

5. Consent Calendar:

- a. Approval of minutes
 - i. December 7, 2023, Regular session
- b. Bills list for December 2023

Council President Gregory made a motion to approve the consent calendar as presented. Seconded by Councilor Ladd. *Motion is carried and so moved with 5 ayes and 0 nays.*

6. Committee Reports

Douglas Lanphere -The committee did not meet over the holidays, but he did meet with the City Manager, Roger Brown Pro -tem to discuss the procedures of any complaint coming and how they would be handled and the process.

7. Presentations

none

8. Old Business

Budget committee update – How to proceed with the applications. Mayor Gilland explained that we wanted to change how things were done in the past and maybe have some training. We are reviewing the applications and may need more details.

There was a consensus for putting a small committee together to select the members of the committee. Budget selection Committee Council members are Councilman Harvey and Councilman Ramon.

9. New Business

a) 2024 Annual City-Wide Clean-up (Sat. 4/20, 4/27 or 5/4)

Consensus was decided for 4/27

b) 5b. Review Charter Change filing deadline 2/21/23.

Ed Trompke discussed and explained the proposed changes to the charter and recommended a few more.

The mayor did ask if any changes would give the mayor more power. Mr. Trompke did express the power still resides in the council.

Councilor Harvey asked about quorum – which would be 50% of the voting council. The Quorum would only change if the council membership changed.

Mayor commented gets no more power, hire / fire power to the council, puts the checks and balances back in.

Councilor Harvey made a motion to accept the charter changes with the additional proposed changes from the City's attorney to be put on the May ballot. Seconded by Council President Gregory. Motion is carried and so moved with 5 ayes and 0 nays.

c) Discussion on the need for a workshop water rate increase 2024.

Consensus was for February 22, 2024, at 5:30

10. Staff Reports

- a. **Police Department** - submitted by Lt. West he reviewed the call log and thanked the surrounding agencies for their help during the Christmas parade. He also acknowledges other Gervais Police offers for their service and accomplishments in the community.
- b. **Public Works** – Kyle submitted his report, and it was read by Mayor Gilland. He talked about the many projects that they are working on.
- c. **Administration** – He updated the council on my Bridge team for closing the books & payroll, financial & and CJIS audits.

11. Business from the Mayor or Council

She thinks the memorial ornament is a wonderful idea. Council President asked about the brass tag and who would put the ornaments on the tree? Councilor Gonzales asked about getting donations for the Christmas parade and the bags handed out to the community. Councilor Gonzales talked about the donations and would oversee that next year. Councilor Ladd wanted to attend a luncheon conference in Portland for \$125.00 which would include our house of representatives. Councilor Harvey, Councilor Gonzales and the Mayor also expressed interest in attending.

12. Adjourn

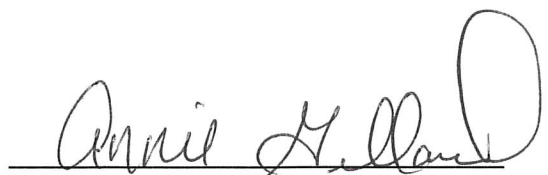
Mayor Gilland adjourned the meeting at 8:09 pm.

I, LAURA CLIFFTON, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING MINUTES OF SAID MEETING OF THE GERVAIS CITY COUNCIL HELD ON January 4, 2024, ARE, TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY, CORRECT AS RECORDED.

ATTESTED:



Rodger Brown, Pro-tem City Manager



Annie Gilland, Mayor

