

**April 13, 2022
Special Meeting &
Budget Committee Meeting #5
City of Gaston
In Person & Zoom Videoconference**

I. Mayor Meeker called this special meeting to order at 5:00PM. Those present at the meeting are:

Margaret Bell: Present
Bill Martin: Present
David Meeker: Present
Mario DePiero: Present arriving at 5:10PM
Don Richter: Present
Billy Nice: *absent*
Bob Dooley: Present
Mary Slocum: Present
Tim Sullivan: Present
Public Works Specialist, Rick Mapes: Present
Wenonah Blanchette, City Recorder: Present

II. Discussion/Decision on Ball Field Use at Brown Park: Public Works Specialist Rick Mapes discussed with the Council issues arising from scheduling of ball fields for school ball sports, Gaston Youth Sports, and the Tournament Team. The last month has been an issue and is seeking direction from Council. Public Works further explained needed changes for renting the fields, scheduling conflicts, and updating rental fees. A schedule was presented (*exhibit A*) by Public Works Specialist Mapes asking Council for questions or comments from the schedule presented, none heard.

III. Review of Budget Document-Line by Line: Margaret Bell explained to the Budget Committee will be reviewing two tabled items from last week's meeting.

- a. Conversations with Washington County regarding the TDT (Traffic Development Tax) and TIF (Traffic Impact Fee) funds resulted with the City not able to use those funds towards assets, only able to use those funds collected for street projects.
- b. Questions were brought up to determine if the Water Department can hire a meter reading company to provide supplemental support for Public Works. It was determined if monies were available to move, it would be added to Page 7-line 8 Contract Services-Operations.

Budget Committee Chair Margaret Bell called for a motion to approve the proposed 2022-2023 budget for City Council to adopt was made by Tim Sullivan and seconded by Mario DePiero. Motion carried with Aye votes heard from Bell, Martin, Meeker, DePiero, Richter, Dooley, Slocum, and Sullivan. Nay: None

IV. MINUTES: Motion to adopt the minutes for the April 6, 2022, was made by Mario DePiero and seconded by Bill Martin. Motion carried: Aye: 8 Nay: 0. Meeting adjourned at 6:10PM



Mayor David Meeker

Attest: 

City Recorder Wenonah Blanchette