

**April 27, 2021**  
**Budget Committee Meeting #3**  
**City of Gaston**  
**Zoom Videoconference**

**I.** Budget Committee Meeting called to order at 6:09PM by David Meeker and turned the meeting over to Chairperson Margaret Bell: Those present at the meeting are:

Margaret Bell, Budget Committee Chair: Present  
Bill Martin, Budget Committee Co-Chair: Present  
David Meeker: Present  
Mario DePiero: Present arriving at 6:19PM  
Don Richter: Present  
Dave Benson: *absent*  
Billy Nice: Present  
Public Works Specialist, Rick Mapes: Present  
Wenonah Blanchette, City Recorder: Present


This meeting was conducted via video/phone conferencing through Zoom.

**II.** Chairperson Margaret Bell read through the budget page by page asking members if anyone had questions beginning with the General Fund on page 1:

- Page 1: No discussion or changes,
- Page 2: Chairperson Margaret Bell announced David Meeker wanted to increase the training and education line item with a general consensus to reduce line item 29 by \$500 and increase line item 21 by \$500. Total for line item 21 is \$1,000 and total for line item 29 is \$9,500.
- Page 3: No discussion or changes,
- Page 4: No discussion or changes,
- Page 5: No discussion or changes,
- Page 6: Increase line item 6 to \$10,000 for temporary part time help reducing line item 29 on page 8 by \$10,000.
- Page 7: No discussion or changes,
- Page 8: Line item 29, reduce by \$10,000 for a total of \$48,009.
- Page 9: No discussion or changes,
- Page 10: No discussion or changes,
- Page 11: No changes; discussion heard on street grant funds reserved for 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Widening project and 1<sup>st</sup> Street Sidewalk.
- Page 12: No discussion or changes,
- Page 13: No discussion or changes,
- Page 14: No discussion or changes,
- Page 15: Discussion heard on capital outlay funds allocated for purchasing a fence for the ball fields at Brown Park with appropriate rated sports/commercial fencing. Prior year transfers contributed to \$15,000 for use within the current fiscal year and an additional \$15,000 budgeted for the next fiscal year.
- Page 16: No discussion or changes,
- Page 17-23 No discussion or changes for the remaining pages in the budget.

**III.** Chairperson Margaret Bell called for a motion to approve the budget as prepared and submit to City Council for their review. Motion was made by Mario DePiero and seconded by Bill Martin. Motion carried with aye votes heard from Bell, Martin, Meeker, DePiero, Richter, and Nice. Nay: None. No additional meetings scheduled for the budget committee at this time. Meeting adjourned at 6:57PM.

  
Chairman Margaret Bell

Attest:   
City Recorder Wenonah Blanchette