

April 30, 2024
Budget Committee Meeting #3
City of Gaston
202 1st Street

I. Budget Committee meeting called to order at 6:00PM by William Martin. Those present for the budget committee meeting are:

Margaret Bell-Present
William Martin-Present
Billy Nice-*absent*
Scott Hoodenpyl-Present
Jerry Hoodenpyl- Present
Don Richter-Present
Bob Dooley- *absent*
Mary Slocum- Present

II. Recorder Blanchette conducted the roll call with all present except for Billy Nice and Bob Dooley who called and stated he will not be present and is excused.

III. Line by Line Description: Chairperson Margaret Bell began reading aloud line-by-line a second description beginning with the General Fund. It was asked that all questions be asked after all said fund and their amounts were read aloud. The following line items were brought up for further discussion:

Police Services Page 3, line 4 discussed with the numbers proposed as a projected 7% rather than figures proposed by the Washington County Sheriff's Office. Bill and Jerry met with the school superintendent and discussed if the school would help pay for police services to be in Gaston from the 32 hours vs full time. The Washington County Sheriff's lieutenant will be available to attend the next regular council meeting.

ARPA funds need to be used towards infrastructure and wanted to move those funds from General Fund to Water Fund.

(highlighted pink)

- Page 5, line 4 transfer out \$100,000 of the ARPA Funds to the Water Fund
- Page 6, line 5 transfer in 100,000 to the Water Fund
- Page 7, line 13, increase for a total of \$160,000 in Capital Outlay to use for future water improvements.
- Page 14, line 14, remove all monies from allocations for wages in the Park Fund.

Discussions heard on allocating all the Park Fund monies back to the General Fund with explanations for the use of the park funds include repairing the Onion Lane building and fence repairs.

Motion was made by Don Richter and seconded by Scott Hoodenpyl to approve the budget minutes for April 16, and April 23, 2024, with the noted corrections for April 23, 2024. Motion carried with Ayes votes from Bell, Martin, S. Hoodenpyl, J. Hoodenpyl, Richter, and Slocum. Nay:0

Margaret Bell announced to the Council that any future building or repairs to the building need to be reviewed and approved by the City Council. It was discussed that the lights installed are to be done by a licensed electrician.

Don Richter motioned to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Scott Hoodenpyl to adjourn the meeting at 7:25PM. Motion carried by Aye votes: Bell, Martin, Nice, J. Hoodenpyl, S. Hoodenpyl, Dooley, and Slocum. Nay: None.

Next Budget Committee meeting is scheduled for May 7, 2024, at 5:00PM at the same time as the monthly work session.

Chairperson Margaret Bell

Attest: _____
City Recorder/Budget Officer Wenonah Blanchette