

**August 8, 2018
Work Session
City of Gaston**

Present: Mayor Tony **Hall**, David **Meeker**, Don **Richter**, Bill **Martin**, and Rod **Hale** (arriving at 6:16PM).

Absent: Public Works Director Brent **Whittaker**, Jerry **Spaulding** and Jon **Wismer**.

Staff: City Recorder Wenonah **Blanchette** and City Clerk Sharon **Bregante-Candau**.

Mayor Tony **Hall** called this meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

Roll Call: City Recorder **Blanchette** conducted the roll call:

Councilor Jerry **Spaulding**, *called; will be late, arriving at 6:43PM*

Councilor David **Meeker**, present

Councilor Bill **Martin**, present

Mayor Tony **Hall**, present

Councilor Jon **Wismer**, present

Councilor Rod **Hale**, present

Councilor Don **Richter**, present

Mayor **Hall** called for changes or additions to the work session agenda with an addition to the Work Session with Sig **Unander** from West Tuality Habitat for Humanity. Mayor **Hall** turned the meeting over to Sig **Unander**, Volunteer Services Director from Habitat from Humanity explained background of the West Tuality Habitat from Humanity including being the largest and oldest providers of affordable housing locally. The local Habitat for Humanity is located at the ReStore in Forest Grove on Pacific Avenue. Habitat for Humanity has for their primary mission is to affordable housing; build new houses, provide critical home repairs for disabilities and veterans, also to provide general small home repairs. Service area is everything west of Hillsboro, including all cities within Washington County.

Coming here today, Habitat for Humanity is putting together an informal advisory council and is looking for a representative from all the Cities, including Gaston. This individual could be from the community, from the Council, staff; anyone who would like to represent Gaston in this capacity. Mr. **Unander** read aloud to the Council:

West Tuality Habitat for Humanity is looking for a person to represent the City in an advisory capacity to help us identify and address needs for new affordable housing and existing home repair in Gaston. We're forming an advisory panel of officials, staff and knowledgeable citizens in our service area to help us improve our services in western Washington County. Through informal discussion and information sharing between panel members and our staff we hope to become better connected and improve decision making about our services. Time commitment for the advisory panel is limited; formal as informal. We will meet once per quarter and beginning our first meeting September 20th, 2018 at 7PM at the ReStore.

Mayor **Hall** called for volunteers amongst the Council with Councilor **Martin** volunteering to participate as the Gaston representative. Recorder **Blanchette** confirmed she would attend the meeting along with Councilor **Martin**.

Hydrology Study-E. Main Street Update: No update.

Mayor **Hall** announced the City is now able to hold telephone conference calls with the newly purchased equipment and if Council would like to participate at Council meetings but not able to attend; they can call and join the meeting.

Draft Ordinances:

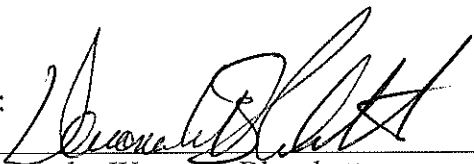
- Jake Brake**
- Park Rules & Regulations**
- No Camping**
- Noxious Vegetation**
- Pet Waste**

City Recorder **Blanchette** explained the items to be discussed should be included in the Public Works Director's Staff report. Discussion heard amongst the Council regarding processes and procedures that Deputy **Richard's** has dealt with similar to Cornelius with their No Camping ordinance. Also discussed was time limit for having vehicles or recreational vehicles parked for a period of time used as residences due to homelessness. Mayor **Hall** called for a consensus for the Council to allow staff to draft these items into ordinance form with further review of relatives visiting/parking vehicles for certain length of time separate from the No Camping ordinance. Current code states recreational vehicles are not allowed to be parked on the City street in the residential zone for longer than 72 hours. Noxious vegetation draft ordinance carried a consensus to move forward for further review by staff. Also, additional consensuses were heard amongst the Council to draft the noise ordinance to include prohibiting jake brakes. Offensive litter can be added to the list for draft ordinances with pet waste. Mayor **Hall** stated for the record complaints against property owners and violations are complaint driven. The City will look out for parking violations but not specifically noise, noxious weeds, or camping complaints unless valid complaints are submitted.


Gaston School Ball Field Use Contract Review: Mayor **Hall** stated that the City does not have any ordinances on park or park use for Brown Park. Council agreed to address these items in the next work session.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor **Hall** asked for any further questions, none heard. Work Session adjourned at 7:00PM.

Attest:



City Recorder Wenonah Blanchette



Mayor Tony Hall