

**April 21, 2021
Budget Committee Meeting #1
City of Gaston
Zoom Videoconference**

I. Budget Committee Meeting called to order at 6:03PM by David Meeker: 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
Don Richter: Present
Dave Benson: *absent*
Billy Nice: Present
Public Works Specialist, Rick Mapes: Present
Wenonah Blanchette, City Recorder: Present

II. This meeting was conducted via video/phone conferencing through Zoom with Recorder Blanchette explaining the first meeting the Budget Committee receives the budget message, budget document and reviews meeting dates to confirm that everyone can attend the budget committee meeting. Discussion heard on changing dates for the budget committee meetings with changing the dates to 26, 27, and 28th of April at 6PM.

III. Elections: Bill Martin recommended Margaret Bell to serve as the Budget Committee President with Margaret Bell stating that if the Council is agreement she will serve as the Budget Committee Chair. A consensus amongst the Budget Committee was determined to appoint Margaret Bell as the Budget Committee Chairperson. Billy Nice motioned to appoint Bill Martin as the Co-Chairperson with Don Richter seconding the motion. Motion carried. Aye: 6, Nay: 0.

Mario DePiero asked if monies allocated to fix the fence at Brown Park last year are still available in the budget with the Recorder explaining, yes, the monies are still there from last year and will be carried over to the new year if no changes are proposed in the upcoming year moving those funds.

Next Budget Committee meeting scheduled for April 26, 2021, at 6:00PM. Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mario DePiero and seconded by Bill Martin. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:27PM.

Chairperson Margaret Bell

Attest:

City Recorder Wenonah Blanchette