

July 16, 2024
Regular Session
City of Gaston
202 1st Street

Present: Mayor Bill **Martin**, Margaret **Bell**, Don **Richter**, Jerry **Hoodenpyl**, Mary **Slocum**, and Scott **Hoodenpyl** and Bob Dooley

Absent:

Staff: City Recorder Wenonah **Blanchette**

Mayor **Martin** called this meeting to order at 6:00PM.

I. ROLL CALL: Recorder **Blanchette** conducted the roll call for the record with:

Mayor Bill **Martin**: Present

Councilor Bob **Dooley**: Present

Councilor Margaret **Bell**: Present

Councilor Don **Richter**: Present

Councilor Mary **Slocum**: Present

Councilor Scott **Hoodenpyl**: Present

Councilor Jerry **Hoodenpyl**: Present

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS: Mayor Martin called for additions or deletions to the agenda with none heard.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: Cynthia **Thompson** representative from Yamhill County Transit provided a handout for Council and discussed information regarding the transit route that buses throughout Yamhill County. Discussions were heard on additional bus routes throughout more densely populated areas determined from their needs assessment. Fareless rides are occurring still with a need to update the fare policy. Cythia Thompson provided statistics for riders and summarized needs assessment from 2018. State transportation improvements funding cycle goes through every 2 years. The plan is to put up permanent signs in which the stop in Gaston does not have a sign and working to put that plan into motion. Problems with the actual permitting process have become extremely difficult. Further information was provided about the plan proposed for stops in Gaston with discussions heard of the stop location. Concerns expressed with the stop would include ODOT denying the location of the drop off and pick up spots.

Councilor **Richter** called on Kathy **Hyzy** Metro Regional Solutions Coordinator Office of the Governor's metro regional representative from the Governor's Tina Kotek's office. Ree **Armitage** explained issues with Brown Park and the flooding with further discussion heard on mitigating the flooding problems. Councilor **S. Hoodenpyl** explained that the city is looking to have the Wapato Lake dredged and beaver dams removed. Additionally, silt and other debris continues to back up but with Fish & Wildlife controlling the area with priority given to the natural wildlife. Per Fish & Wildlife's desire is to keep the water at a specific level to accommodate for the natural habitat of the area. Further discussion was heard on the needs and desires of the City council to mitigate this issue. The result is the ball field becomes flooded with the area not being able to be dredged. In the past when the area was owned by farmers the farmers were able to dredge the area as they were exempt from restrictions. Councilor **Richter** asked if there were grants and funds available; with the answer that Business Oregon and other loan agencies can provide money but not instant money but money for projects that are planned for years in advance.

Tod Mckinney, representative from the Fish & Wildlife is a park ranger and present to discuss what F&W are doing with working with the Gaston school district and trying to be more involved with the community and school. Volunteer activities were announced. Not much was updated with the Wapato Wildlife refuge. They are willing and able to come to the meetings and update/answer questions regarding the status.

Albert Holcomb, resident of Gaston, was present at the meeting to potentially become a candidate on the City Council.

Safety Report: air conditioner was repaired with a temporary fix with the unit being updated with

Recorders Report: Recorder Blanchette provided her report with the following:

Don asked Jerry about contacting the school.

Police: Scott reported that the County IGA group was able to work with the City through Newberg in obtaining a reader board with Jarrod having access and use for the reader board.

CONSENT AGENDA: Bills Payable was reviewed with

STAFF/COUNCIL/COMMITTEE/SUPERVISOR REPORTS:

PRESENTATIONS: Mayor **Martin** asked Councilor **Bell** for any presentations with Councilor **Bell** responding that it will cost the City \$1,600 for the survey and does not include recording or filing the deeds. It was advised not to vacate the property on Onion Lane but the Cottonwood walking pathway. KLS Surveying only includes the surveying of the property and to determine the onion lane property owned by the City.

Councilor **J. Hoodenpyl** requested to have the entire onion lane property surveyed. Councilor J. Hoodenpyl and seconded by Councilor Richter to survey the entirety of the onion lane property.

Include the bills to be passed.

CONSENT AGENDA Scott and Jerry motioned to approve the consent agenda,

NEW BUSINESS:

Yamhill County Transit Signage Designation: It was mutually agreed by Council to appoint Councilor S. Hoodenpyl as the designated point of contact.

OLD BUSINESS:

Onion Lane Property Ownership Update: previously updated and give an additional 30 days to remove GG's house.

City Hall Update: Councilor **J. Hoodenpyl** stated the Shop class will be completing the City of Gaston sign before the National Night out and when school resumes the horticulture class will be landscaping the area in front of City Hall during

Councilor **J. Hoodenpyl** informed Council the painting next Wednesday for the sidewalks and curbs as well as the signs and the posts ready before next Wednesday.
104 Onion Lane:

We need to purchase Stop sign before Wednesday.

It was agreed.

COMPLAINTS:

NEW:

OLD: 104 2nd Street-Tree Complaint:

Follow up with the arborist in providing a report for the tree sample was provided.

July 30th the Tree must be removed, with the Trees the recorder will reach out to the property owner and follow up.

Jerry would like to initiate the conversation with PGE to installing power at onion lane.

Motion to declare the trailer as surpluses and sell the trailer asap was made by Councilor **S. Hoodenpyl** with a minimum bid of \$1,000. seconded by Councilor **Richter**. Motion to approve. Nay: Bell & Martin, Aye: 5

Scott announced that the Fire Chief spoke to the 1938 fire truck and was purchased in 1945 and will be bringing the original fire truck back to City for the fire department and since Jarrod has his police vehicle stored at the fire station, the Fire Department is wanting to purchase a Connex and store the Fire Truck in it but would like to have permission to store the Connex on City Property. Council by mutual consensus have approved the storage of parking the vehicle.

4ft by 5ft trailer would like to mount the reel onto for easier access for moving the sprinkler and would like to purchase the trailer from Randy Hoodenpyl for \$400 with motion made by Councilor **J. Hoodenpyl** motioned to purchase the trailer with second my Mary for \$400 dollars. Councilor **J. Hoodenpyl** declared a potential conflict of interest. Motion passed with aye votes heard from 7 nay: 0

Discussion was heard on an email received by ODOT regarding the designated speed limit of 20MPH and maintain the speed. It was mutually decided to pursue the paperwork to file with ODOT maintaining the 20MPH designation.

ADJOURNMENT: Councilor J. Hoodenpyl motioned to adjourn and was seconded by Councilor **Richter** at 8:18PM, meeting adjourned.

Mayor William Martin

Attest:

City Recorder Wenonah Blanchette