

June 18, 2024
Regular Session
City of Gaston
202 1st Street

Present: Mayor Bill **Martin**, Margaret **Bell**, Don **Richter**, Jerry **Hoodenpyl**, Mary **Slocum**, and Scott **Hoodenpyl**. Representative of Fish & Wildlife Rebecca **Chuck**. Others present are represented include David Meeker and other representatives on the sign in sheet.

Absent: Bob Dooley

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:** *absent, excused*

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 additional comments or deletions for the agenda with the Recorder announcing that Rebecca Chuck from Fish & Wildlife will not be able to attend tonight's meeting.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: Gaston Resident Dan **Prentice** lives at the top of Hedin and wanted to discuss he that when he moved in 2 years ago the development would be but wanted to ask the property owners make the area more presentable and move the equipment and replace safety fence with wire fence. Dan Prentice is presenting to Kittridge Engineers to make the area more presentable. Councilor **J. Hoodenpyl** announced that Dan Prentice is able to contact the property owner and wanted to speak to the Developer as a neighbor to contact him and ask him if he would like to move the equipment. Dan said he will contact him and

Safety Report: The lawnmower was rode around on with the roll cage not on causing an issue complaint.

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

CONSENT AGENDA: Bills Payable was reviewed with

STAFF/COUNCIL/COMMITTEE/SUPERVISOR REPORTS:

Police: Washington County Deputy McCreary provided his report for May/June

- The self-initiated is going to go up and down but was spoken to about with his stats but with the amount of little items he's done, the Sheriff's office will need to speak with higher ups to speak with him about his
- Gaston School is out for the summer
- Kid from Cherry Grove has many issues and deal with issues with him as a juvenile with the incident having happened 2 weeks before school was out.
- Ace Tavern had a couple assaults with 2 adults and a criminal issue occurring at the tavern,

- A girl and her boyfriend, the girl starts kissing another man but the man and other guy get in a fight. He was arrested for assault. It is alleged that the cook assaulted another person with a baseball bat.
- Church Street was recently released from prison and was running the streets.
- Motorcycle issues with reports of kids driving their dirt bikes and wanted to present to the Municipal Judge
- Incident on Salter Street with the son being arrested and banned from returning to the house.
- Domestic arrest on Vista Ridge court.
- Brown Park
 - 2 nine-year-olds beat up another nine-year-old. They reside in Forest Grove. Juvenile court does not want to pursue any issues with kids that young unless it's extremely severe issue.
 - The Male that was found masturbating in the dugout and McCreary spoke with the level 3 sex offender but does not live in town. If he's convicted, he will be gone for a while, but went to Grand Jury Monday and with these 2 new felonies and based on his prior history he's looking to stay in prison for a long time. The Washington County PIO didn't feel that a release of his mug shot, and a press release was necessary to know what he looks like.
- Oregon does not have a great sex offender registry with the state but there isn't a great system. The legislature made a big issue with
- The state of Oregon has eliminated the bail system unless the court system issues bail but has been causing issues with the jails. The state of Oregon does not release mug shots any more based on changes with the legislation.
- The Ace Tavern does require an annual review of their liquor license with the City and McCreary will be going over the 911 calls with the owner and Councilor Bell stated she would be in favor of denying their liquor license. Discussion heard on recent issues with drunkenness and intoxication issues and why these calls and incidents continue to occur.
- National Night Out would the council be willing to donate monies to the event for water, soda, other incidentals with having the Knights to Host the event. Washington County emergency management received misting stations and are looking for a group or organization to use for community events. Councilor S. Hoodenpyl spoke for the Knights to state they would like to have those to use for community events. The recruitment Aaron Fox . Items needed are tents, tables and but having the Knights involved with the city to host National Night Out.

Motion made to donate up to 300 to support the National Night Out, Don motioned and S. Hoodenpyl seconded. Jarrod will be making a flyer for all the organizations in Gaston to. Scott was appointed as the Chancellor 6:45 Snow Cones cups and cash and carry. Chefs Kitchen.

Parts for the water fountain is still waiting for parts.

Dan Prentice left the meeting at this time.

Recorders Report, Not much to report.

Mayor Martin announced that the Fish & Wildlife bathrooms will be removed if the City does not take over the use of the bathroom. It costs 360 a month to rent 2 toilets and 3-600 dollars a month. Don Richter wanted to know how much Washington County costs with the cleaning concerns. Process to connect to sewer, how much it costs. Council does not want to have the bathroom and back in December the City will not be responsible to the toilet. David Meeker reports that every day he could clean up the bathroom as he's available to clean up as a volunteer with Council noting that the City only has until December to continue the maintenance. As

previously discussed, the City does not want to provide maintenance to the porta pottie. Councilor **J. Hoodenpyl** stated if David Meeker is available to provide maintenance by mutual consensus with David being issued a

Recorders Report:

Finances

Water

FYI:

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PRESENTATIONS

CONSENT AGENDA was made by Councilor J. Hoodenpyl. and seconded by Councilor Richter.

NEW BUSINESS:

2024 Small Cities Allotment Grant: Discussion was heard on providing sealer for the other streets in town and to see if 250,000 grant max for 1st Street vs. sealant throughout some of the streets.

Declaration of Upcoming Seats 1,2,& 3 for Reelection: Mayor called that the city **Resolution 24-001, Resolution 24-002, Resolution 24-003, Resolution Margaret made and Don seconded motion.**

OLD BUSINESS:

Cottonwood Property Public Walkway Update

Part time Public Works Employee: Councilor J. Hoodenpyl spoke to the Council that if Bob Dooley is still able to continue. It was mutually agreed to table indefinitely the Part time public works employee.

Yamhill County Transit Signage Designation: Councilor S. Hoodenpyl spoke to an individual at ODOT and presented to the City a prospective place for the bus stop at the Onion Lane property. The issue would be the handicapped individuals would have an issue with getting back on the road. Discussion was heard on the possibility of changing the bus stop location. Further discussion was heard on relocating to another place. Council was in agreement with relocating the bus stop. Councilor Don Richter proposed having the property surveyed. The Walkability to the bus stop for handicapped folks. Another location would be near the Hub and since the property is owned by a Church, there might be a possibility of getting a better location for the bus stop. The probability of either location would depend on the better place or location. Councilor J. Hoodenpyl asked about the statistics. It was requested by Council to have someone come to a council meeting to speak with Yamhill County Transit to further discuss this concern with the Council.

OLD BUSINESS:

Progressive Disciple

- Under coaching verbal warning, there should still be some sort of documentation with that verbal warning documentation under A. Progressive Discipline Process should also State: under #2 Verbal Warning Documentation.
- Mayor Martin requested that the record states that when there is a discussion for ____ having 2 people in the room when discussions occur.
- Policy Statement: should have defined that it's the responsibility of the employee to follow and (____) of the Gaston Employee Handbook. Discussion was heard adding

additional verbiage to the handbook to include clocking in and clocking out, having 2 folks present when discussion.

Councilor J. Hoodenpyl motioned to approve the Discipline policy, with second heard by Don Richter. Aye: All, Nay: 0 It was instructed to have this policy reviewed and approved by the Attorney.

Onion Lane Property Ownership Update: Councilor Bell provided an update with the Onion lane ownership and due to it not being recorded as vacated property, the City will need to contact the Attorney about how the City should handle this issue.

Cottonwood Property Public Walkway Update: Again, Councilor Bell met with Washington County assessor and said that road was platted and that the It would also require. The County does not have any jurisdiction with owning Onion Lane and vacating the property. The property needs to be surveyed to determine ownership. When they purchased the property from **Flaherty**. Discussion had with Fish and wildlife own the property underneath the road to the City. Washington County has no part in this process but that any part of the City that needs to be vacated needs to be surveyed. Washington County is not involved with any of the process, but due to the city's agreement between the City and County. Motion was made to have the property surveyed for Onion Lane and the Cottonwood Property Lane was made by Councilor J. Hoodenpyl. Mary Seconded the motion. Designated Margaret Bell as the point of contact with Jerry motioning and Don and seconding the motion with all votes voting Aye: Martin, Bell, Slocum, J. Hoodenpyl, S. Hoodenpyl, and Don Richter. Nay: 0.

City Hall Update:

J. Hoodenpyl is working with Mr. Matteson for his horticulture class to designate a proposal from a school project in landscaping the front area.

104 Onion Lane:

Don and Margaret motioned to approve the stripping and painting throughout town.

COMPLAINTS:

NEW:

OLD: 104 2nd Street-Tree Complaint: Property owner came and spoke to the City and requested the street be blocked off but would need 24 hours in advance to blocking off the street for the tree removal. He will be complete He spoke to the City about establishing a timeline and asking for him to provide the City completing the project. It was mutually agreed to complete the removal by the 30th of June. There are additional trees on the neighboring property owners

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

July 30th the Tree must be removed.

ADJOURNMENT: Jerry motioned to adjourn and was seconded by Don 7:50PM

Mayor William Martin

Attest:

City Recorder Wenonah Blanchette

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