

**March 8, 2017**  
**Work Session**  
**City of Gaston**

Present: Mayor **Hall**, Jerry **Spaulding**, David **Meeker**, Chris **Jeffries**, Rod **Hale**, and Don **Richter**, and Bill **Martin**

**Staff:** Public Works Director Brent **Whittaker** via phone conference, City Recorder Wenonah **Blanchette**, City Clerk Sharon **Bregante-Candau**, and others present are represented on the sign-up sheet (attached)

Absent: None

Mayor Tony **Hall** called this work session to order at 6:00 PM.

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

Councilor Jerry **Spaulding**: present

Councilor-elect David **Meeker**: present

Mayor Tony **Hall**: present

Councilor Chris **Jeffries**: present (arrived 6:05 pm)

Councilor Rodney **Hale**: present

Councilor Don **Richter**: present

Councilor Bill **Martin**: present

**104 Onion Lane Grant:** Mayor **Hall** asked City Clerk **Bregante-Candau** to provide Council with a summary of pre-work completed to obtain funding through Oregon Parks and Recreation. This is a 20% matching grant. Staff is anticipating a title report as the beginning step toward purchasing the property. City Clerk **Bregante-Candau** informed Council the property is split between Onion Lane, however the property is one lot. No further updates.

**Waste Management Yard Debris Program:** Mayor **Hall** asked Public Works Director **Whittaker** to review with Council information adding Yard Debris every other week to the City's current garbage collection program, thus increasing fees by \$2.61. With an additional \$1.75, an extra bulky waste collection could be added to the program as well. Discussion heard on the Council's unfavorable position with Public Works Director **Whittaker** responding with complaints heard of smoke, citizens being environmentally responsible as community members and assisting with maintenance for storm water collection and cleaning. Mayor **Hall** clarified that this proposal would include garbage pickup weekly, yard debris and recycle rotating every other week, with residents currently paying \$22.81 per month with a total cost of \$25.42. By consensus the council decided not to move forward yard debris or additional bulky waste collections and maintain the same level of service. It was directed by Council to have the Recorder send Waste Management a letter of intent to terminate the franchise with Waste Management. This item will be readdressed at the Regular Session under "Additions or Deletions."

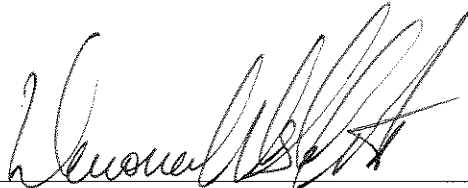
Public Works Director **Whittaker** discussed with Council City's Water Rate Resolution defining water rates for Gaston specifically the Fire District rate at \$37.80 for the first 2,000 and any additional gallons calculated at \$9.15 per 1,000 gallons of water usage. Public Works Director **Whittaker** introduced the idea to changing the rate of the Fire Department proposing the same

rate as Cove Orchard's bulk rate of \$4.37 per 1,000 gallons. Mayor **Hall** requested to add this item to the Regular Session for further discussion.

Councilor **Spaulding** discussed with Council his frustration towards the behavior of School District leaders regarding street improvements required by the City for the School Bond Project. Councilor **Spaulding** announced the School Superintendent called Councilors individually reaching out in an attempt to persuade Council to demean and harass Council regarding street improvements the District is responsible for installing. Discussion heard as to how certain School Board Members addressed City Council at last month's Public Hearing proposing City Council positions may be impacted politically by their decision and confronted Council on loyalties to their voters. Consensus made amongst the Council for Councilor **Spaulding** contacting the attorney for further advice on the matter.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor **Hall** asked for any further discussion, none heard. Work Session adjourned at 6:55PM.

  
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Mayor Tony Hall

Attest:   
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City Recorder Wenonah Blanchette