

May 11, 2016
Regular Session
City of Gaston

Council: Mayor **Hall**, Council President Richard **Sager**, Chris **Jeffries**, David **Meeker**, Don **Richter**, and Jerry **Spaulding**. Washington County Deputy Bobby **Wormington**, City Recorder Wenonah **Blanchette**, Public Works Director Rich **Williams**, and others present are represented on the sign up sheet (attached)

Absent: None.

I. Mayor Tony **Hall** called this meeting to order at 7:02PM.

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

Councilor Jerry **Spaulding**: present

Councilor David **Meeker**: present

Councilor Richard **Sager**: *absent with excuse*

Mayor Tony **Hall**: present

Councilor Chris **Jeffries**: present

Councilor Don **Richter**: present

Council position 6: vacant

Mayor **Hall** announced an addition to the agenda under New Business, a vote for a new tractor and under Public Comment, Screamin Chicken Update. It was announced that Staff Reports will be followed by Roll Call.

STAFF REPORTS:

Police: Deputy **Wormington** provided his report for April 2016 with 68 total incidents, 16 public demand, 52 self-initiated, 1 arrest, 25 traffic stops with 5 citations. Not many issues this month, one notable incident occurred on the 5th of April with a female juvenile arrested for assaulting and causing injury to another 17 year old female student. This was referred to the juvenile department. On the 18th, a grade schooler made threats to another child on the school bus. On the 21st a DUI was called in just north of town, upon further investigation the driver was not under the influence but had warrants resulting with the individual going to jail. On the 27th police were notified of an individual smoking marijuana with their dad. This issue is not very clear with what police or the state can do regarding new marijuana laws.

Public Works: Public Works Director Rich **Williams** reported for the month of March 2016 total water diverted is 2,413,946 with 20% loss. Discussion was heard on having leak detection come and find leaks throughout town. The water fountain at the park contributed to some of the water loss being the fountain has been leaking for a while and replacement parts are not easy to find. Radio telemetry for the water department has been installed and is working without any issues. Finding headway with the scoreboards and the problems troubleshooting what is wrong with it. It has since been discovered as a loose connection in the wire. Lots of mowing has been going on. Locates and finding the transfer box to use for the Country Lane Pump Station project has been difficult to find due to finding the transfer box itself. It is potentially hidden in blackberry bushes.

Office: Recorder **Blanchette** reported information was provided to the insurance agent for the 2016-2017 insurance renewal for property, liability, and workers compensation. Three councilors still have not completed their Statement of Economic Interest.

Council Vacancy Appointment: Mayor **Hall** reviewed that two qualifying individuals have provided their interest in serving on the council being council position 5 is vacant. Mayor **Hall** announced that Rodney **Hale**, resident at 416 Costelloe Drive and Jack **Breedlove**, resident at 409 3rd Street. Councilor **Sager** requested to vote on this issue at the next meeting.

Jack **Breedlove** spoke to the Council of living in town the last three years and wants to be involved with his community to see what he can do for the City.

Rodney **Hale** spoke with the Council of living in town the last four years by the water tower. He has raised five children, has a computer science degree and would like to be part of the council to come up with strategies for the community faces.

Mayor **Hall** thanked these two individuals and invited them to the next Council meeting to select a council person. Mayor **Hall** would like to meet individually with both **Breedlove** and **Hale**.

Parks and Recreation Committee Report: Councilor **Meeker** has a list of individuals who would like to be part of the Committee with Mayor **Hall** requesting him making contact with these individuals for appointment at the next Council meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Britney **Flarrey** representative from Metro West was present to discuss and ask the City to declare May 15 through the 21st as EMS Week. Mayor **Hall** at this time read aloud the EMS Proclamation with a request to adopt the Proclamation. Councilor **Jeffries** made a motion to “adopt May 15 through the 21st as EMS Week for the City of Gaston.” Motion seconded by Councilor **Meeker**. Motion passed with aye votes heard from **Jeffries, Meeker, Richter, and Spaulding**. Nay: 0.

Jeannette **Noble**, representative from the Screamin Chicken was present to update with the Council with the status of the Temporary Use Permit for using her RV as a temporary residence. She was present to inform the Council that they have purchased a home on Lauralwood Drive and will no longer need to continue having the Temporary Use Permit with an expected remove date of thirty days from today’s date. Jeannette **Noble** left the meeting at this time.

Mayor **Hall** called for any public comments from the audience. No comments heard from the audience.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilor **Meeker** reported expenses from the park fund have been approximately \$5,000 this month. Volunteers are needed at the park and May 20th the School District will be offering SCUD day as an option toward volunteer time spent at the park.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion was heard on the purchase of a new tractor for the City. Mayor **Hall** directed Councilor **Richter** with obtaining bids for a tractor having a VX 260.

VI. Resolution 16-003 A Resolution Declaring the Eligibility of the City of Gaston to Receive state Funds and Declaring Municipal Services Provided by the City of Gaston in Accordance to ORS 221.760: Motion to approve Resolution 16-003 was made by Councilor

Meeker and seconded by Councilor **Spaulding**. Motion passed with aye votes heard from: **Jeffries, Richter, Meeker, and Spaulding**. Nay: 0.

I. Automatic Radio Water Meter. Mayor Hall **discussed** with the Council costs and maintenance needed for installing and have radio reads for the water meters. This is for Council review at this time. Further discussion was had on life of water meters, need to replace, and additional costs for installing or replacing such a system.

II. Part Time Job Description: Review of the draft job description for the Part Time help was discussed. No changes suggested. By mutual consensus of the Council it was agreed to approve the job description as presented. Also agreed upon by mutual consensus of the Council is the pay rate of \$12 an hour for 24 hours a week.

III. Garage Conversion to Meeting Area: Mayor **Hall** discussed with the Council converting the garage area for a meeting area to provide for more room to accommodate for the increase of interest for attending meetings of the Council. By consensus of the Council it was agreed to solicit for proposals on this project.

OLD BUSINESS:

IV. Employment Recruitment 2016: City Recorder **Blanchette** announced to the Council the need to schedule for interviews for the part time help. It was agreed by mutual consensus of the Council to hold interviews Wednesday May 25, 2016 at 6PM.

MINUTES: Minutes for April were not finished and will be available for adoption at the following meeting.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: It was requested to have an additional portable toilet at Brown Park. Motion to adopt the bills as presented was made by Councilor **Richter** and seconded by Councilor **Meeker**. Motion passed. Voting aye: **Jeffries, Meeker, Richter, and Spaulding**. Nay: 0.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor **Hall** asked for any further business, none heard. Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Mayor Tony Hall

Attest:

City Recorder Wenonah Blanchette