

# GASTONIA FINANCE / BENEFITS COMMITTEE REPORT & MINUTES

Thursday, June 12, 2025, 5:30 PM

City Hall, Spindle Conference Room

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION:	ACTION TAKEN:
<b>ITEM 1:</b> <b>Welcome and Call to Order</b>	Mayor Pro Tem Dave Kirlin called the Finance / Benefits Committee meeting to order at 5:38 p.m. and introduced the first item.	
<b>ITEM 2.A:</b> <b>Final Report on the Review of the City Purchasing Policy and Procedures</b>	Ms. Michelle Brooks, Government Accounting Advisory Manager, Mr. Paul Folkers, Government / Public Sector Senior Manager, and Mr. Jim Holman, Technology Advisory Director with Cherry Bekaert, presented the final report on the review of the City Purchasing Policy and Procedures and fielded various questions from the Committee.	The Committee accepted the presentation for information only. No action taken.
<b>ITEM 2.B:</b> <b>Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) System Update</b>	<p>Ms. Crystal Certain presented an update on the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) System, which is a critical step toward modernizing our operations, enhancing data integration, and improving overall efficiency across all departments. As our business evolves, we require a more robust and flexible system that can better support operational growth, compliance, and decision-making. The City's current ERP is Tyler EDEN, which is being phased out and will not be supported. The City is on a schedule to implement a new ERP before 2027 when support ends.</p> <p>The estimated budget for the ERP update is \$588,350, which includes licensing, implementation, training, and transition support, with an annual cost of \$268,812.</p> <p>Staff will interview consultants to assist with the review of current processes and assist with project management, change management and developing a knowledge library.</p> <p>Ms. Certain and Mr. Koltyk fielded various questions from the Committee.</p>	The Committee accepted the presentation for information only. No action taken.
<b>ITEM 3:</b> <b>Other Business</b>	No other business was discussed.	
<b>ITEM 4:</b> <b>Adjournment</b>	Mayor Pro Tem Kirlin adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.	

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Committee Members Attending:

Mayor Pro Tem Dave Kirlin, Chairman

Councilman Jim Gallagher

Councilwoman Cheryl Littlejohn

Guest:

Ms. Michelle Brooks, Cherry Bekaert

Mr. Paul Folkers, Cherry Bekaert

Mr. Jim Holman, Cherry Bekaert

Staff Attending:

Michael Peoples, City Manager

Adrian Miller, Assistant City Manager

Eric Edgerton, City Attorney

Chris Koltyk, Chief Information Officer

Crystal Certain, Director of Financial Services

Sam Clark, Assistant Director of Financial Services

Wendell Hendrix, Controller

Kelley Carlan, Purchasing Manager

Candice Owenby, Deputy City Clerk