

**GASTONIA FINANCE / BENEFITS COMMITTEE REPORT & MINUTES**

**Wednesday, November 19, 2025, 5:30 PM**

**City Hall, Spindle Conference Room**

<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>DISCUSSION:</b>	<b>ACTION TAKEN:</b>
<b><u>ITEM 1:</u> 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 staff for presentations.	
<b><u>ITEM 2.A:</u> Presentation of Audit Results and Annual Financial Audit Report for FY Ended June 30, 2025</b>	<p>Ms. Tonya Coffey, Managing Partner, with Martin Starnes &amp; Associates, introduced Ms. Kelly Gooderham, Senior Manager, who presented the Audit Results and Annual Financial Audit Report for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2025.</p> <p>The Auditors issued an Unmodified Opinion on the City's financial statements. An Unmodified Opinion is where the auditor expresses an opinion that the financial statements are presented, in all material respects, in accordance with applicable financial reporting frameworks.</p> <p>Staff and Auditors fielded various questions from the Committee.</p>	The Committee accepted the presentation for information only. No action taken.
<b><u>ITEM 3:</u> Other Business</b>	No other business was discussed.	
<b><u>ITEM 4:</u> Adjournment</b>	Mayor Pro Tem Kirlin adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.	

Committee Members Attending:

Mayor Pro Tem Dave Kirlin, Chairman  
Councilman Jim Gallagher

Committee Members Absent:

Councilwoman Cheryl Littlejohn

Guest:

Ms. Tonya Coffey, Martin Starnes & Associates  
Ms. Kelly Gooderham, Martin Starnes & Associates

Staff Attending:

Michael Peoples, City Manager  
Eric Edgerton, City Attorney  
Crystal Certain, Director of Financial Services  
Sam Clark, Assistant Director of Financial Services  
Wendell Hendrix, Controller  
Daniel Jones, Assistant Controller  
Zoe Harmer, General Ledger Accountant  
Candice Owenby, Deputy City Clerk