

April 27, 2022
Special Meeting
City of Gaston
In-Person & Zoom Videoconference

Present: Mayor David **Meeker**, Mario **DePiero**, Bill **Martin**, Robert **Dooley**, Margaret **Bell**, Don **Richter**, Mario **DePiero**, and Don **Richter**
Absent: Billy **Nice**
Staff Present: Public Works Specialist Rick **Mapes** and City Recorder Wenonah **Blanchette**.
Others audience members present are represented on the sign-up sheet. (*attached*)

- I. Mayor David **Meeker** called the regular meeting to order at 6:14.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** City Recorder **Blanchette** conducted the roll call for the record with:
Councilor Mario **DePiero**: Present
Councilor Bill **Martin**: Present
Councilor Robert **Dooley**: Present
Mayor David **Meeker**: Present
Councilor Margaret **Bell**: *absent* arriving at 6:22PM
Councilor Billy **Nice**: *absent*
Councilor Don **Richter**: Present
- III. **BALL PARK USE:** Mayor **Meeker** turned the meeting over to Chris **Hansen** discussed with Council their proposal for using the ball field and proposal of a revised contract between the City Council and the Gaston Youth Sports. Everyone had an opportunity to review the documents presented to Council regarding the field use. Discussion heard on raising fees with Ashley **Hoodenpyl** explaining they do not want to have to pay twice for players when they play baseball and football through Gaston Youth Sports and increased the payment significantly to be in a contract with the School. Concerns were discussed between both the City and Gaston Youth Sports draft contract. It was agreed to work with updating the contract and agreed that the costs for using the field need to be reasonable with Gaston Youth Sports explaining they were trying to make it easier for Gaston Youth Sports. It was only to have an agreement in place and not a total takeover of the fields. Money was increased with the revised contract from Gaston Youth Sports as proposed. Items directly agreed by both parties include having lights off by 10PM. Little League Football and Baseball would be included as one contract but making separate payments for each sport. Councilor **DePiero** agreed there be a few amendments to and to renegotiate the contract for next year. Two payments, 1,000 apiece. 1st in April and 1st in October and provide insurance naming the City as additionally insured contingent on field availability. It was requested to have a paper copy of the practice schedule. Motion to approve the revised contract as verbally agreed upon today ending with a final review at the next council meeting was made by Councilor **DePiero**, seconded by Councilor **Bell**. Aye: 6, Nay: 0. Councilor **Bell** thanked the Gaston youth Sports for their hard work.
- IV. **ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilor **Meeker** with second heard by Councilor **DePiero**. Motion carried unanimously closing the meeting at 7:45PM Aye: **Meeker**, **Martin**, **DePiero**, **Bell**, **Richter**, and **Dooley**. Nay: None.



Mayor David Meeker

Attest: 

City Recorder Wenonah Blanchette