

**February 8, 2021
Special Meeting
City of Gaston
Zoom Videoconference**

Present: Mayor David **Meeker**, Council President Bill **Martin**, Mario **DePiero**, Margaret **Bell**, and Don **Richter**.


Absent: Councilor Dave **Benson**

Staff: City Recorder Wenonah **Blanchette** and Public Works Director Rick **Mapes**.

- I. Mayor **Meeker** called to order the special meeting at 7:00PM
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Recorder **Blanchette** conducted the roll call for the record with:
Councilor Mario **DePiero**: Present
Councilor Dave **Benson**: *absent*
Council President Bill **Martin**: Present
Mayor David **Meeker**: Present
Councilor Margaret **Bell**: Present
Councilor Don **Richter**: present
- III. **Cottonwood Street Sidewalk Change Orders: 1, 2, 3, & 4:** The Public Works Director explained pending change order (#4) to the Council noting 192 feet of curb was covered in blackberry briars and when those were removed we found the gutter line was not flush along the asphalt resulting an inch or so difference in height from the gutter to the road. This is an increase of \$8,449.50 to the total project cost if approved. Council also discussed change orders 1, 2, & 3 as these change orders were prepared before the contractor started construction which include (change order #1 increases the project by \$5,000 for surveying), (change order #2, includes an addition to the scope of work to adding a second hydrant for a total of two hydrants replaced increasing the total project \$4,850), and (change order #3 is a decrease of \$3,393 for removing an ADA ramp from this project ultimately adding it to the 3rd Street widening project). Mayor **Meeker** called for a motion to approve the increases with Councilor **Richter** motioning to approve change orders 1 through 4. Total project cost to be \$137,696.50. Public Works Director **Mapes** asked if Council would prefer to hold special meetings for reviewing change orders or if changes could be approved without Council consent helping keep the project on track. Councilor's **Richter**, **Bell**, and **Martin** agreed to permit the Public Works Director to approve needed expenditures that exceed \$1,500 for the Cottonwood project to prevent delays with construction. Motion passed with aye votes heard from: **Meeker**, **Martin**, **Bell**, **Richter**, and **DePiero**. Nay: None. Motion passed.
- IV. **Clean Water Services Pump Station Bargain & Sale Deed:** It was explained that Washington County Records show the City as owners of property originally sold in the sale of the sewer system to USA (United Sewerage Agency) during the 1970s. Councilor Bell stated when the county changed their format to digital from print a few recorded documents were lost in that transition. Councilor **Bell** made a motion to adopt the Bargain & Sale Deed for Clean Water Services. Motion was seconded by Councilor **Richter**. Motion carried with aye votes heard from: **Meeker**, **Martin**, **Bell**, **DePiero**, and **Richter**. Nay: 0.
- V. **ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor **Meeker** called for a motion to close the meeting with a motion made by Councilor **DePiero** and seconded by Councilor **Richter**. No further business heard. Special meeting was adjourned at 6:47 PM.



Mayor David Meeker

Attest: 

City Recorder Wenonah Blanchette