

**Date:** March 20, 2023  
**Amount:** \$7,000.00  
**Account Number:** 3020-5070

**EXPLANATION TO COUNCIL BILL**

**ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT:** Parks, Recreation & Civic Facilities

**PURPOSE:** To enter into an Agreement with Midland Empire Sports Association (MESA) for the operation of ASA sanctioned or other approved league play and tournaments promoting the advancement of girls' softball at Drake Softball Complex in St. Joseph.

**REMARKS:** This Agreement is a continued arrangement between MESA and the Parks, Recreation, & Civic Facilities Department regarding the maintenance of facilities. The agreement arranges for the Parks Department field maintenance staff to maintain youth softball fields utilized by MESA for game preparation. It includes mowing, trimming, trash removal, and athletic field preparation in conjunction with league and tournament play associated with MESA.

MESA will pay the City for the services specified in the agreement, which will be for a three-year period, ending on October 15, 2025. The agreement may be renewed annually thereafter for up to two (2) additional terms, ending October 15, 2025, and October 15, 2027, by resolution of the City Council.

The payments will be increased each year of the agreement as follows:  
March 15, through October 15, 2023 -- \$7,000.00  
March 15, through October 15, 2024 -- \$7,500.00  
March 15, through October 15, 2025 -- \$8,000.00

MESA continues to grow its league participation and promote girls' softball in St. Joseph. This Agreement establishes the responsibilities of both MESA and the City with respect to the fields utilized for both league and tournament play and other important matters, which will assist with the continued development of girls' softball.

**THIS ORDINANCE HAS BEEN CERTIFIED THAT THE FOREGOING CONTRACT OR ORDER IS WITHIN THE PURPOSE OF THE APPROPRIATION TO WHICH IT IS TO BE CHARGED, AND THAT THERE IS AN UNENCUMBERED BALANCE TO THE CREDIT OF SUCH APPROPRIATION SUFFICIENT TO PAY THEREFORE.**