

MINUTES OF THE CASHMERE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2012 AT CASHMERE CITY HALL

OPENING

Mayor Jeff Gomes opened the regular city council meeting at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. Clerk-Treasurer Kay Jones took minutes.

ATTENDANCE

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Mayor:	Jeff Gomes	
Council:	Skip Moore Jim Fletcher Donna Wynne Derek Knutsen John Bryant	
Staff:	Kay Jones, Clerk-Treasurer Mark Botello, Director of Planning/Building	Bob Schmidt, Director

FLAG SALUTE

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

Mayor Gomes stated that the City received a proposal letter from Woodridge Construction & Development for the City to lease and maintain the parking lot at 131 Cottage Avenue. A copy of the letter was in the council packet.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Dave and Karen owners of Woodridge Construction & Development asked why the parking lot item was under announcements and not on the business agenda for discussion. They wanted to discuss whether the council is interested in leasing the property otherwise they were going to fence it off so the public could no longer use the property for parking. They did not want the liability.

The Mayor explained that the parking lot was discussed midyear when the Chamber informed the City they were terminating the lease since the downtown business owners were no longer willing to support it.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Bryant requested that the Cottage Ave parking lot be moved to the business items for discussion and for the addition of follow-through signs on the highway, and City approval of the Water Comprehensive Plan.

MOVED by Councilor Bryant and seconded by Councilor Fletcher to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of October 8, 2012 Regular Study Session Meeting
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Payroll and Claims Packet Dated October 22, 2012

Claim Check Nos. 32670, through 32697 and EFT 09/2012 totaling \$208,439.86

Set Public Hearing Tuesday, November 13, 2012 at 7:00 pm for Preliminary Budget for 2013
Set Public Hearing Monday, November 26, 2012 at 6:00 pm for Final Budget for 2013
Set Public Hearing Monday, November 26, 2012 at 7:00 pm for Zoning Map Amendment

MOVED by Councilor Wynne and seconded by Councilor Knutsen to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

DOWNTOWN BUSINESS DISTRICT PARKING LOT LEASE

The City was willing to partner with the Chamber when the downtown business owners were financially supporting the lease. The consensus of the council was they were not interested in leasing property for another parking lot. There are plenty of spaces in the other public parking lots and street parking is available.

COUNCIL APPROVAL OF THE WATER COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

MOVED by Councilor Bryant and seconded by Councilor Fletcher to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a resolution approving the Water Comprehensive Plan. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR 2013

Mayor Gomes opened the Public Hearing at 7:21 p.m. to take public comment on the preliminary budget for 2013. Clerk-Treasurer Kay Jones gave a brief summary of the proposed budget.

The Mayor and staff are proposing a 4% increase in utility tax to help close the gap in the General Government fund. They are also recommending taking the 1% property tax levy and the 3 years banked levies to close the gap in the Public Works fund.

Consensus of the council was that maybe it's time they look at raising revenues to pay for the increases in the public safety contracts.

With no questions or comments from the public the hearing was closed at 7:50 p.m.

ORDINANCE NO. 1202 NEW CHAPTER 2.92 ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR A VENDOR LIST AND SMALL WORKS ROSTER PROCESS

Staff briefly discussed the proposed new Chapter 2.92 of Cashmere Municipal Code. Director Botello pointed out that on Page 2 of Chapter 2.92 the word "telephone" should be removed.

MOVED by Councilor Fletcher and seconded by Councilor Wynne to adopt Ordinance No. 1202 adding a new Chapter 2.92 establishing procedures for a Vendor List and Small Works Roster process as amended. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-2012 REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 8-2000 RELATED TO SMALL WORKS ROSTER

MOVED by Councilor Fletcher and seconded by Councilor Knutsen to adopt Resolution No. 09-2012 repealing Resolution No. 8-2000 related to small works roster procedures. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-2012 AMENDING RESOLUTION 10-2011 INCREASING WATER RATES
RESOLUTION NO. 08-2012 AMENDING RESOLUTION 11-2011 INCREASING WASTEWATER RATES
MOVED by Councilor Fletcher and seconded by Councilor Moore to table Resolution No. 07-2012 increasing water rates and Resolution 08-2012 increasing wastewater rates for further information. Motion carried.

LETTER REQUESTING THE CITY CONSIDER ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT DESIGNATING THE LODGING TAX DOLLARS TO THE CASHMERE CHAMBER

The Chamber works with the businesses and the festivals. They would be able to determine where the dollars would be a greater benefit. The Chamber would have the same type of application process or ability to apply for the funds that the City is using.

Staff will work with legal on drafting a contract designating the Hotel Motel Tax funds to the Chamber to use according to the RCW's.

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR A CENTENNIAL CLEAN WATER GRANT APPLICATION

MOVED by Councilor Bryant and seconded by Councilor Knutsen to authorize the Mayor to send a letter of support for a Centennial Clean Water grant application. Motion carried.

OFF-PREMISES DIRECTORY SIGNAGE

Councilor Bryant mentioned that he would like council to revisit "Off-Premises Directory Signage" within the sign code. He stated he would like better clarification and standards for the allowance of these signs. Planner Botello stated that he would discuss revisiting the "Off-premises Directory Signage" with the Planning Commissioners at their next Planning Commission meeting.

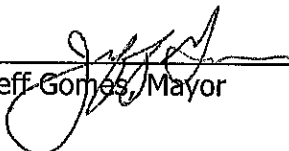
PROGRESS REPORTS

Planner Botello stated the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Coalition (WWRO) supports Cashmere's Riverside Park improvement project. He stated that he will be submitting a WWRO membership application for \$100. He stated that this is part of the grant support process.

Councilor Bryant stated that he will be attending the Chelan/Douglas Homeless Housing funds workshop on Wednesday and Thursday. He stated that there are \$786,896 in grant funds available and that they received combined requests of \$1,650,625.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Gomes adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.



Jeff Gomes, Mayor

Attest:



Kay Jones, City Clerk-Treasurer