

MINUTES OF THE CASHMERE CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 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:	Bob Schmidt, Director Kay Jones, Clerk-Treasurer Mark Botello, Director of Planning/Building	

FLAG SALUTE

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

Director Botello handed out the 2011 Updated Chelan County Multi-Jurisdiction Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Plan will be on the next agenda for Council's consideration for approval.

Councilor Bryant reported that he and Director Botello served on a committee to make recommendations for awarding \$787,000 in grant funds for homeless shelters. The Wenatchee City Council accepted the funding recommendations. A list of the awards is available for anyone interested.

Mayor Gomes reported that he has met with the Jail Director Curt Lutz and the Prosecuting Attorney Doug Shae to discuss the Regional Jail Fees.

Also, Gomes reported that Tony Frytag, Cashmere's representative on the Public Facilities District Board has agreed to serve for another term beginning January 1, 2013.

Director Botello reported that he has submitted three grant applications to the Transportation Improvement Board. He will find out the selection results on Friday, November 16, 2012.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No public comments.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED by Councilor Bryant and seconded by Councilor Wynne to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of October 22, 2012 Regular Council Meeting

Payroll and Claims Packet Dated November 13, 2012

Claim Check Nos. 32704, through 32762 totaling \$353,727.63  
Payroll Check Nos. 32699 through 32703 totaling \$91,465.09

MOVED by Councilor Moore and seconded by Councilor Bryant to approve the consent agenda.  
Motion carried.

2<sup>ND</sup> PUBLIC HEARING ON PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR 2013 INCLUDING POSSIBLE INCREASE IN PROPERTY TAX

Mayor Gomes opened the public hearing on the preliminary budget at 7:12 p.m. to receive public input. No public was present so the public hearing was closed at 7:13 p.m.

ORDINANCE NO. 1203 AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL PROPERTY TAX LEVY

The proposed ordinance takes the 1% increase allowed by law and the banked levies the Cashmere Council has not taken for the past three years. The regular property tax levy, plus a 3.77% increase over the levy from the previous year is \$19,542.93. The estimated budget amount to be collected in the year 2013 is \$563,031.19.

The percentage amount on Exhibit A, was amended from .03777% to 3.77% to be consistent with Section 1 in the Ordinance.

MOVED by Councilor Bryant and seconded by Councilor Fletcher to adopt Ordinance No. 1203 authorizing the general property tax levy as amended. Motion carried with four in favor and Councilor Moore voting no.

ORDINANCE NO. 1204 INCREASING UTILITY TAXES ON GARBAGE, WATER AND SEWER SERVICES

The proposed ordinance implements a modest 4% increase in utility taxes. The word "modest" was removed.

MOVED by Councilor Moore and seconded by Councilor Bryant to adopt Ordinance No. 1204 as amended, increasing utility taxes on garbage, water and sewer services. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 1205 AMENDING CHAPTER 13.32 RELATING TO LATECOMER REIMBURSEMENTS

The proposed ordinance amends the procedures for establishment of the reimbursement area and eliminates the "beyond benefit area". The revised chapter provides the City with more flexibility in establishing reimbursement assessments for properties located within a reimbursement area.

MOVED by Councilor Wynne and seconded by Councilor Fletcher to adopt Ordinance No. 1205 amending Chapter 13.32 relating to latecomer reimbursements. Motion carried.

2013 AGREEMENT FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES

The proposed agreement for emergency services is between the City and the Chelan County Department of Emergency Management. Chelan County provides services to the City for compliance with Title III of the Superfund Amendment and Reauthorization Act and to develop a Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and program and other emergency operational functions as required in RCW Chapter 38.52.

MOVED by Councilor Fletcher and seconded by Councilor Knutsen to approve the 2013 Agreement for Emergency Services. Motion carried.

2013 LEGAL SERVICES

MOVED by Councilor Fletcher and seconded by Councilor Wynne to approve the increase in rates for legal services for 2013. Motion carried.

AWARD TIGNER ROAD PROJECT TO THE APPARENT LOW BIDDER – CENTRAL WASHINGTON ASPHALT

The City received bids from Central Washington Asphalt, LLC, Granite NW and Mitchell Trucking & Paving. Central Washington Asphalt was the apparent low bidder.

MOVED by Councilor Bryant and seconded by Councilor Knutsen to award the Tigner Road project to Central Washington Asphalt, the apparent low bidder. Motion carried.

CITY OF CASHMERE/CASHMERE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AGREEMENT FOR LODGING TAX FUNDS

Councilor Bryant stated that he is in favor of the Chamber receiving the lodging tax funds. His concern is the way the agreement is written. The agreement does not address an application process to give businesses the opportunity to apply for the funds, which is what the Chamber agreed to do at the previous council meeting. Bryant would like to see the agreement redrafted to address the application process so that everyone serving on the Chamber Board understands the process and expectations for the funds.

Councilor Fletcher stated that we are talking about \$3,000 annually, he trusts the Chamber to use the funds appropriately. If the City is not happy with how the Chamber uses or distributes the funds the City can terminate the agreement.

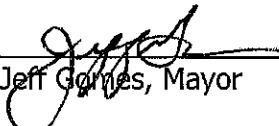
MOVED by Councilor Bryant and seconded by Councilor Wynne to table the agreement for lodging tax funds to speak with the Chamber. Motion carried with four in favor and Councilor Fletcher voting no.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Director Schmidt reported that they poured the last section of the floor for the new treatment plant. With the floor done they will be able to work through the winter. The walls will be poured next.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Gomes adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

  
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Jeff Gomes, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Kay Jones, City Clerk-Treasurer