

**MINUTES OF THE CASHMERE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 24, 2013 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, Dir of Planning/Building Chuck Zimmerman, City Attorney	

FLAG SALUTE

EXCUSED ABSENCES

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

Director Botello announced that the Welcome to Cashmere sign on Aplets Way has been completed. Landscaping around the sign will be done next.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Pratt resides at 101 Fasken Drive, he used to live at 102 Fasken Drive. He asked when the name of the street changed. The street used to be Fasken Drive, but now the street sign says Aldous Avenue. This is causing problems for him and his address can't be found on Google Earth. Director Botello will look into the matter.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of June 10, 2013 Regular Study Session Meeting
Minutes of June 10, 2013 Regular Council Meeting
Payroll and Claims Packet Dated June 24, 2013
Claim Check Nos. EFT 05/2013 and 33363 through 33390 totaling \$891,864.90

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

LAW ENFORCEMENT FOR 2014

Sheriff Burnett submitted a proposal to the City with a 2014 FTE cost of \$155,752. This amount is after the county increased the mutual benefit discount for the city contracts from 1% to 7%.

The proposal is a three year term with a 4% increase each year. The Sheriff is offering a level of service at 2.5 FTE's.

2014	\$389,380
2015	\$404,955
2016	\$421,153

The City proposed an Interlocal Agreement for Law Enforcement Services designating the Sheriff's office to provide law enforcement services in the same capacity and at the same level as is provided to the unincorporated county territory. The term of the agreement is three years with a six month termination clause. There are no requirements such as patrol hours, number of FTE's or written reports.

The amount the City is proposing to pay for law enforcement is the same cost calculated to have a City PD with 2 FTE's and contract deputies for another .5 FTE.

2014	\$339,000
2015	\$352,560
2016	\$366,662

Mayor Gomes stated that we've come a long way since we first started this process. The first number the County gave for a 2014 contract was \$503,000. Now the County's amount for a three year contract is \$1,215,488 versus the City's proposal at \$1,058,222.

Councilor Bryant voiced concern with Section 4.2.1 stating the City plans to construct space for law enforcement to utilize as an office in a City building. Why would we spend funds to construct when there is already space available in city hall?

Director Schmidt stated the Sheriff was interested in having an outside access door. He discussed constructing offices in the bay out back and designating 2 parking spaces out back to the deputies. If the cost estimate is too high the water/wastewater lab upstairs will be available next year when the water department moves to the new treatment plant.

Attorney Chuck Zimmerman pointed out the Agreement states when the space will be completed and ready for occupancy. The agreement doesn't say where, when or what type. That decision can be made at a later date.

MOVED by Councilor Bryant and seconded by Councilor Fletcher to approve the Interlocal Agreement for Law Enforcement Services and authorize the Mayor to sign.

Sheriff Burnett was agreeable to using a non-emergency phone number to contact a deputy in order to eliminate the incident calls to RiverCom. The non-emergency number can be posted on the City website.

Sheriff Burnett believes that moving back into city hall will rebuild communication and the

relationship with the City. Even though the contract is different the Sheriff doesn't foresee any change in service or fewer deputies present in Cashmere. Burnett is working with the school. He is applying for a grant that is sustainable for six years to get half of an FTE for a resource officer at the school.

Councilor Fletcher stated that the negotiations for law enforcement have not been about service, it's about the cost. The cost is not sustainable. The City may have no choice if we want to stay in business.

Councilor Moore called for the question. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Gomes signed the Interlocal Agreement and gave the original to the Sheriff.

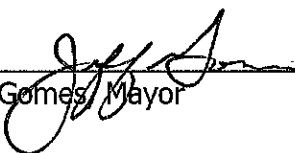
PROGRESS REPORTS

Director Bob Schmidt reported that they've started on the Pioneer Avenue project and the Tigner Road project should start in a couple of days.

Director Botello reported that he is working with a developer to develop townhouses on the Spears property.

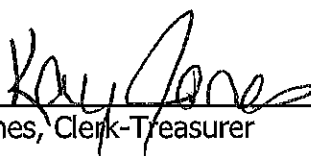
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Gomes adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.



Jeff Gomes, Mayor

Attest:



Kay Jones, Clerk-Treasurer