**MINUTES OF THE CASHMERE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2013 AT CASHMERE CITY HALL**

OPENING

Mayor Jeff Gomes opened the regular city council meeting at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. Clerk-Treasurer Kay Jones took minutes.

ATTENDANCE

Present Not Present

Mayor: Jeff Gomes

Council: Skip Moore

 Jim Fletcher

Donna Wynne

Derek Knutsen

John Bryant

Staff: Bob Schmidt, Director of Operations

Kay Jones, Clerk-Treasurer

Mark Botello, Dir of Planning/Building

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

Councilor Fletcher represents Cashmere on the Link Board. He reported that Link Transit has changed Route 28 to include a stop at Martin’s Market Place. Residents can now take the bus to the grocery store rather than calling Dial A Ride, which is much more cost effective for Link Transit.

Also, Link Transit is cutting ties with EBus. The technology for the electric powered buses with the lithium batteries is still not working. Link transit is not willing to be the guinea pigs any longer. The $2.9 million in federal funds has already been spent for the electric powered buses. So the federal funds will have to be paid back or Ebus may have to buy Link Transit buses. The details in meeting the criteria for the federal funding and cutting ties with Ebus have not been worked out.

Mayor Gomes announced an opening on the Board of Health if any of the council members are interested. The current representative is from Leavenworth and he is stepping down at the end of the year.

He reported that he spoke with Leanne with the Senior Home Delivered Meal Program and got the answers to the council’s questions after $3500 in city funds were requested at the last council meeting. They receive both Federal and State funding, both of which have decreased due to budgets cuts. The program has delivered 2415 meals in the Cashmere area and of that 1420 have been delivered in the city. The number of people from inside the City that are on the program varies from 8 to 13 people a week.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments from the public.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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## Payroll and Claims Packet Dated November 25, 2013

#  Claim Check Nos. 33906, through 33935 and EFT #10-2013 totaling $1,267,882.57

Manual Check Nos. 33905 to replace #33904 a correction in payroll

Councilor Bryant asked that his statement on page one be amended to read that he is contemplating stepping down from council.

MOVED by Councilor Moore and seconded by Councilor Knutsen to approve the consent agenda with the correction to the minutes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING ON FINAL BUDGET FOR 2014

Mayor Gomes opened the Public Hearing at 6:11 p.m. to receive public comment on the Final Budget for 2014. Clerk-Treasurer Kay Jones summarized the few changes that were not in the preliminary budget.

Mayor Gomes proposed setting a policy that the exempt employees would receive the same wage increase as the union employees. The three exempt employees have received the same wage freeze or wage increase as the union employees every year. A policy would eliminate the need for the Mayor to make the request for the exempt employees each year.

The council didn’t see the need for a policy since the annual process seemed to be working.

With no questions or comments from the public the Hearing was closed at 6:25 p.m.

ORDINANCE NO. 1222 ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR 2014

MOVED by Councilor Fletcher and seconded by Councilor Bryant to adopt Ordinance No. 1222 adopting the budget for 2014. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 1223 AMENDING CHAPTER 6.24.010 ANIMAL LICENSES

MOVED by Councilor Bryant seconded by Councilor Fletcher to adopt Ordinance No. 1223 amending Chapter 6.24.010 Animal Licenses. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 1225 AMENDING TITLE 15 BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION

Director Botello explained that the changes were made to keep consistent with the current versions of the International Building Codes and clarifying code language. Attorney Chuck Zimmerman has reviewed and approved the changes.

MOVED by Councilor Moore and seconded by Councilor Bryant to adopt Ordinance No. 1225 amending Title 15 Buildings and Construction. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-2013 SUPPORTING INITIATION OF PHASE II OF THE COORDINATED COST REIMBURSEMENT PROCESS FOR THE WENATCHEE WATER WORK GROUP

MOVED by Councilor Fletcher and seconded by Councilor Wynne to approve Resolution No. 10-2013 supporting initiation of Phase II of the Coordinated Cost Reimbursement process for the Wenatchee Water Work Group. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZE A WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT CHARGE STUDY

MOVED by Councilor Moore and seconded by Councilor Fletcher to authorize FCS Group to do a water and wastewater system development charge study. Motion failed with Councilors Wynne, Knutsen and Bryant voting no.

FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF THE SUNSET HIGHWAY ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

MOVED by Councilor Fletcher and seconded by Councilor Knutsen to accept the Sunset Highway Roadway Improvement project. Motion carried.

FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF THE PIONEER AVENUE PRESERVATION PROJECT

MOVED by Councilor Moore and seconded by Councilor Bryant to accept the Pioneer Avenue Preservation project. Motion carried.

FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF THE TIGNER ROAD PRESERVATION PROJECT

MOVED by Councilor Bryant and seconded by Councilor Wynne to accept the Tigner Road Preservation project. Motion carried.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Director Mark Botello reported that he will approve two building permits; one for the L.E. Wilson expansion next to Simpson Park. The employee parking is located on the property but access to the parking area is through Simpson Park. The other permit is for the project in the empty parking lot next to Clifford’s Hardware for two commercial buildings with apartments on the second floor.

Botello also stated that the Christmas tree in Ardeta Park is decorated and looks really nice. The Christmas lights for the canopies will go up on Wednesday.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Gomes adjourned the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

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Jeff Gomes, Mayor

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Kay Jones, Clerk-Treasurer