

**MINUTES OF THE CASHMERE CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2014 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

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

FLAG SALUTE

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

Corporal Mike Langford of the Chelan County Sheriff's Office introduced himself to the council and informed them that he has been appointed as Sheriff's liaison for Cashmere. He wasn't going to discuss stats since January stats had already been sent electronically. What he wanted to mention was that the number of car prowls and burglaries are down in Cashmere. Corporal Langford believes this is due to the Sheriff's Departments daily presence in Cashmere. The department is happy to be located at City Hall once again.

Director Botello went over the progress status/update reports regarding permits, licenses, committees and projects. He also presented the results from the Chamber's Economic Development meeting of January 30<sup>th</sup>.

Councilor Knutsen and Councilor Moore announced they would not be at the March 10<sup>th</sup> council meeting. With Councilor Bryant submitting a letter of resignation there will not be a quorum for the March 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED by Councilor Fletcher and seconded by Councilor Erickson to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of February 10, 2014 Regular Council Meeting  
Payroll and Claims Packet Dated February 24, 2014

Claim Check Nos. 34219 through 34238 and EFT 01/2014 totaling \$327,510.24

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

FRANCHISE AGREEMENT – CHELAN COUNTY GRANTING THE CITY A NON-EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE

Clerk-Treasurer Kay Jones reported that the Agreement is still in legal review. Some of the concerns from council included fees, lack of definitions and notifications. The item will be back on the agenda after legal review and comments.

WASHINGTON STATE RECREATION CONSERVATION GRANT PROPOSAL

Director Mark Botello stated that he would like to submit a grant application to the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) for improvements to Cashmere's Riverside Park. The proposed improvements are for the east end of the park and include four main components; parking lot development, concrete skate park, public restrooms and expanded and renovated playground structures.

Director Botello discussed the application process and timeline. He explained that the city's financial match would be 50%. Botello presented three options ranging from total project cost of \$292,140 to \$459,850. The city's match to complete option three, which includes all of the improvements listed above, would be \$229,925. The project would be a three year project, 2015 to 2017, with the majority of the costs being in 2016.

MOVED by Councilor Bryant and seconded by Councilor Fletcher to authorize staff to proceed with the application to the RCO using Option #3. Motion carried.

LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM COUNCILOR JOHN BRYANT

Councilor Bryant submitted a letter of resignation effective February 25, 2014. Councilor Bryant stated that as a councilperson his job was made less difficult because of the staff and employees of the City of Cashmere. The staff and employees are just one of Cashmere's many assets. Cashmere is a community that is fiscally conservative yet one that gets things done.

PROGRESS REPORTS


Clerk-Treasurer Kay Jones announced that the city will be mailing out full-page utility billings starting March 3<sup>rd</sup>. The full-page bill is similar to the on-line bill and includes a usage graph.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Gomes adjourned the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

  
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Jeff Gomes, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Kay Jones, Clerk-Treasurer