MINUTES OF THE CASHMERE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY, MARCH 24, 2014 AT CASHMERE CITY HALL

OPENING

Mayor Jeff Gomes opened the regular city council meeting at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. Secretary Teresa Prescott took minutes.

<u>ATTENDANCE</u>

<u>Present</u>

Not Present

Mayor:

Jeff Gomes

Council:

Skip Moore Jim Fletcher Dave Erickson

Derek Knutsen

Vacant

Staff:

Bob Schmidt, Director of Operations

Kay Jones, Clerk-Treasurer

Mark Botello, Dir of Planning/Building Charles Zimmerman, City Attorney

Teresa Prescott, Secretary

FLAG SALUTE

EXCUSE ABSENCE

MOVED by Councilor Fletcher and seconded by Councilor Moore to excuse the absence of Councilor Knutsen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

Jim Wonn, newly elected president of the museum board spoke about the future of the Cashmere Museum, recapped the recent accomplishments at the museum, and thanked the council for the City's annual support. Last year the museum acquired handheld devices designed to provide an audio tour of the museum, and installed a big-screen TV which shows slides of the areas where some of the museum's artifacts were discovered.

In order to save money the museum will no longer open the first of March since March is typically a very slow month for the museum. This year the Museum opens March 28. Also the Museum will be closed on Mondays.

Mayor Gomes announced that we have a new employee, Jason Williams, in the Water/WW department.

Mayor Gomes attended a solid waste meeting. Solid waste will have a collection event in October, the first one since 2012.

Mayor Gomes and Director Schmidt also met with Chelan County PUD staff to discuss two PUD projects taking place in Cashmere this spring. The projects are to replace aging infrastructure, poles and lines.

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Mayor Gomes announced the Sheriff's Department cars now have emblems that say "Proudly Serving" with the logos of Cashmere, Chelan, Leavenworth and Entiat.

Mayor Gomes reminded those councilors who have not already reported to submit the required information to the Public Disclosure Commission for this term of office.

Attorney Zimmerman requested to change the executive session wording to include discussion of property acquisition. Director Schmidt requested the addition of Item #7, Review of possible 2014 water main projects.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED by Councilor Fletcher and seconded by Councilor Erickson to approve the agenda with the addition of item #7 review of water main projects, and the addition of discussion of property acquisition to the Executive Session. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council meeting of March 10, 2014 was canceled due to lack of a quorum Minutes of February 24, 2014 Regular Council Meeting

Payroll and Claims Packet Dated March 10, 2014

Claim Check Nos. 34245 through 34299 totaling \$101,314.14

Payroll Check Nos. 34239 through 34242 totaling \$87,602.55

Manual Check 34244 and Voided Check 34243

Payroll and Claims Packet Dated March 24, 2014

Claim Check Nos. 34301 through 34318 totaling \$252,918.95

Manual Check 34300

Set public hearing on Monday, April 14, 2014 for Zoning Map amendments, Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map amendments and amendments to Title-17 Zoning Code.

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

JOINT CITY COUNCIL AND PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

Director of Planning & Building Mark Botello introduced the Planning Commissioners and recapped the commission's accomplishments in 2013 and their focus for 2014. An additional task Director Botello would like to add for 2014 would be to update the Park Plan.

Councilor Erickson stated he would especially like to see a public involvement element added to the park plan.

Mayor Gomes thanked the Planning Commissioners for their dedication and service. Commissioner Rick Shorett praised Director Botello for his accomplishments for the City especially in procuring grants.

TOWN TOYOTA CENTER UPDATE

Mark Miller from the Town Toyota Center gave an update on past and future endeavors of the facility and talked about budget concerns and possible ways to increase revenue.

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RESOLUTION 06-2014 WASHINGTON WILDLIFE RECREATION PROGRAM (RCO) GRANT MOVED by Councilor Erickson and seconded by Councilor Fletcher to approve Resolution 06-2014 authorizing submittal of application(s) for grant funding assistance for Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program project(s) to the Recreation and Conservation office as provided in chapter 79A.15 RCW, acquisition of habitat conservation and outdoor recreation lands, WAC 286 and subsequent legislative action. Motion Carried

<u>CERTIFICATION OF APPLICANT MATCH FOR RIVERSIDE PARK RENOVATION PROJECT</u>
MOVED by Councilor Fletcher and seconded by Councilor Moore to authorize the mayor to sign the Certification of Applicant Match for Riverside Park Renovation Project. Motion Carried

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR US 2/97 CASHMERE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY Mayor Gomes explained the City's share of the study would be \$15,000 and recapped the purpose of the study. All parties except the Port District have an equal vote on the outcome.

MOVED by Councilor Fletcher and seconded by Councilor Erickson to approve the Interlocal Agreement for US 2/97 Cashmere Area Transportation Study. Motion Carried

TRANSFER CITY PROPERTY FOR ROAD USE

MOVED by Councilor Fletcher and seconded by Councilor Moore to approve the transfer of City property on Railroad Avenue for road use. Motion Carried

REVIEW OF POSSIBLE 2014 WATER MAIN PROJECTS

Staff met with Ryan Peterson from RH2 last week regarding the two upcoming street projects. Peterson encouraged some improvements of the water system before the streets are repaved since the cost will be much less than if the improvements were performed alone.

The first improvement project would be on Mission Avenue from Vine Street to Parkhill Street and would entail replacing 1000 feet of 6" pipe with ductile iron pipe. The second improvement would be on Railroad Avenue from Division to Washington and would entail replacing 600 feet of 6" pipe with 12" ductile iron pipe.

The total amount of the two projects combined is \$306,461.

Moved by Councilor Moore and seconded by Councilor Fletcher to authorize staff to proceed with the water main projects for a total of \$306,461. Motion Carried

PROGRESS REPORTS

Mayor Gomes reported there has only been 1 letter of interest for the vacant council position. He is planning to speak on the radio about the vacant position again, and it will be advertised in the Cashmere Valley Record and Wenatchee World.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – To Discuss Potential Litigation and Possible Acquisition of Property Mayor Gomes called an executive session to discuss potential litigation and possible acquisition of property for approximately 20 minutes. No action will be taken after the executive session.

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<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

Mayor Gomes adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

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Attest:

Teresa Prescott, Secretary