

**MINUTES OF THE CASHMERE CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, APRIL 28, 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 David Sherman	
Staff:	Bob Schmidt, Director of Operations Kay Jones, Clerk-Treasurer Mark Botello, Dir of Planning/Building	

FLAG SALUTE

EXCUSE ABSENCE

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Gomes proclaimed April 30, 2014 as Arbor Day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

Director Botello announced the Arbor Day tree will be planted at 10:30 on April 30<sup>th</sup> next to the City sign on Aplets Way.

Director Schmidt reported that the Army Corps of Engineers is no longer requiring 100 plus trees to be removed from the dike. There has been a change in policy and under the new vegetation rule the trees can remain on the dike.

Also, Schmidt reported that the Coordinated Cost Agreement regarding water rights that was supposed to get started last year is really going to move forward this year. The goal is to have the water rights issued this calendar year.

Schmidt informed the council that there is a beaver problem on Mission Creek, which has caused some flooding on Mill Rd. The city crew removed a portion of the dam the beavers built in order to prevent further flooding. Removing the dam without permission upset the Dept. of Fisheries. The City is now working with the Dept. of Fisheries on removal of the dams and how to eliminate the beaver problem.

Director Botello reported that the Mission Street project and the Chip Seal project for four city streets have both gone out to bid.

Mayor Gomes announced that David Sherman has agreed to continue as the City's liaison between the City and the Sheriff's Department.

Also, Mayor Gomes informed the council that he wrote a letter to Linda Evans-Parlette and Representatives Cary Condotta and Brad Hawkins voicing concerns regarding the Farm Housing project.

PUBLIC COMMENT

David Hobbs residing at 206 Washington Street stated that he would like the council to look at hiring a Director for Riverside Center instead of leasing the building. He would prefer to see the revenue go into the city coffers instead of private business. He believes the Center could be a gold mine for the city if run right. He stated that if someone is willing to lease the building year after year then there is money to be made.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of April 14, 2014 Regular Council Meeting  
Payroll and Claims Packet Dated April 28, 2014

Claim Check Nos. EFT 04/2014 and 34383 through 34409 totaling \$401,691.19  
Manual Check Nos. 34381 and 34382

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

SHERIFF BRIAN BURNETT – 2013 ANNUAL REPORT PRESENTATION

Sheriff Brian Burnett presented the 2013 Annual Report for the Chelan County Sheriff's Department. The annual report was revised to have a more professional look and to include more information.

BUILDING USE AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL LIBRARY

The council had several questions and concerns regarding the Library agreement. Looking at the history provided since 2006 the amount received from the Regional Library compared to the expenditures for the library are a negative \$19,036, due to capital repairs and improvements on the building. The amount paid to the City just covers use and maintenance, but does not cover any kind of large repairs or capital improvements.

Mayor Gomes pointed out that the average annual cost for the previous eight years is \$11,883 and the annual cost that the Regional Library would pay in 2015 according to the proposed contract is \$11,362.

The council requested more information, such as what is the Regional Library's responsibility, how did they come up with the cost per square foot, and that the increase per square foot is every three years. The consensus was that the council would like to discuss capital repairs and improvements and take a look at a fee in lieu of paying property tax.

DOT UBIT BRIDGE INSPECTION AGREEMENT

The City is required to have an under bridge inspection every 72 months. The proposed agreement with WSDOT includes two men to perform the under bridge inspection of the Cottage Avenue Bridge; the truck bucket operator and the UBIT driver. The cost for both is \$615 per hour. The maximum amount payable by the City to WSDOT for the work performed shall not exceed Six Thousand Dollars (6,000.00).

MOVED by Councilor Fletcher and seconded by Councilor Erickson to approve the Bridge Inspection Agreement with DOT. Motion carried.

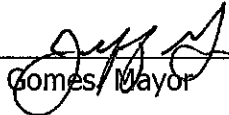
PROGRESS REPORTS

Director Botello stated that the Cashmere Chamber has changed the name of Founders' Days to Celebrate Cashmere. The Celebrate Cashmere Parade route will have pears painted on the street.

Councilman Sherman stated that he has received speeding complaints. He has talked to Director Botello and they will be putting out the speed trailer in these areas.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Gomes adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

  
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Jeff Gomes, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Kay Jones, Clerk-Treasurer