

**MINUTES OF THE CASHMERE CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, MAY 27, 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, Director of Planning/Building	

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

Director Mark Botello informed the council that he received conditional approval from the Department of Ecology on the City's Shoreline Master Program update. The DOE had a list of recommended changes or clarifications and a list of required changes. All of the changes were minor. After the changes are made, the next step is to have the council adopt the Shoreline Master Program by ordinance.

The Wenatchee Valley Transportation Council sent out a request for Statements of Qualifications for the Highway 2 Corridor Study. Director Botello was a part of the review committee. After review of the SOQ's, the Lochner Group out of Bellevue was selected.

Director Botello announced that the Transportation Improvement Board is granting the City an additional \$40,000 for the Mission Street project. The project will be 95% grant funded. J & K Earthworks will begin the Mission Street project on Monday.

The City requested bids using the small works roster, for reroofing and painting City Hall. Staff budgeted \$90,000 for the project. The three lowest bids were \$115,388, \$127,464 and \$132,000. Director Botello stated that if the council had no objections the Clerk-Treasurer would amend the project budget.

Mayor Gomes informed the Council that Jeff Wilkens will be drafting a new agreement for the RTPPO, which will include Chelan and Douglas Counties. Okanogan County will not be included.

Also, Gomes announced that he and the other mayors met with Kurt Lutz, Director of the Regional Jail. Mr. Lutz wanted to give the mayors an update on the jail.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Gomes amended the agenda by changing item #3 to authorize the Mayor to execute a Development Agreement with Washington Growers League and moving the Council training to item #4.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of May 12, 2014 Regular Council Meeting  
Payroll and Claims Packet Dated May 27, 2014

Claim Check Nos. EFT 04/2014 and 34472 through 34496 totaling \$517,215.67

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

TOM GREEN AND JENNY CRAVENS – 9-11 MEMORIAL SITE AND FUNDING REQUEST

Members of the Cashmere 9-11 Committee were present to discuss the proposed site and request funding for the Washington State's Spirit of America Memorial. Jenny Cravens explained that the committee will be submitting an application by June 15<sup>th</sup> to place the memorial in Cashmere. In the application they are required to have a designated site and committed funding. The cities of Wenatchee and Chelan are also applying for the memorial.

If the City of Cashmere is awarded the Memorial it has to be installed no later than 9/11/2015. The estimated cost of receiving and installing the memorial is \$31,052, which includes the remaining amount owed to the artist, removal of trees and site preparation, fill dirt and rock, brick paving, plantings and irrigation, lighting and a security camera, and signage. The committee is asking the City to contribute \$15,000 to the memorial. The remaining funds will be raised by donations.

The proposed site is behind Riverside Center where the Veterans memorial is located. The trees would have to be removed to open up and make the area visible. Removing the trees would also make the path to downtown visible, which would be a benefit to the downtown businesses.

The council voiced concern with possible restrictions with owning artwork that was granted to the City, the ongoing costs of maintaining and insuring the memorial, whether the proposed site is adequate and large enough, what happens if the remaining funds are not raised, and does the city's amount decrease if more donations are raised.

Some members were uncomfortable with making a decision at this time, without looking at and prioritizing other city projects. Other members knew that they definitely want the memorial in Cashmere and the details could be figured out later.

The consensus of the council was that they needed more information before taking action at the next meeting. The council asked for site dimensions to confirm if both memorials would fit on the site. The other request was to draft a project agreement, which would show the city's initial financial responsibility and any future responsibilities.

INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT FOR FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES

The proposed new Interagency Agreement between the City and Chelan County Fire Protection District No. 6 takes effect beginning July 1, 2014 and shall remain in full force and effect until terminated by either party with six months notification.

The annual amount for 2014 is \$36,500 and starting in 2015 an annual escalator of 1% shall be added for the life of the agreement.

MOVED by Councilor Fletcher and seconded by Councilor Moore to approve the Interagency Agreement for Fire Protection Services. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE WASHINGTON GROWERS LEAGUE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

The Washington Growers League applied to the City for development of property located in the City. The Growers League and the City have negotiated the terms of mitigation of the proposed development project. The mitigation provisions include; constructing a chain link fence at least six feet in height, signage at the Sunset Highway entrance, irrigation and grass in all areas identified as lawn, improve the sight distance at the northwest side of the Sunset Highway entrance to the property, annually remove the noxious weeds from the wetland buffer area, and as a mitigation fee and in lieu of the payment of real property taxes, WGL will pay \$3,000 beginning August 1, 2015. Each year thereafter, the payment in lieu of taxes shall increase two percent over the amount paid in the previous year.

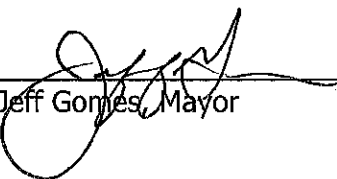
MOVED by Councilor Moore and seconded by Councilor Fletcher to authorize the Mayor to execute a Development Agreement with Washington Growers League in a form acceptable to the mayor and the City Director of Planning and Building for the development project proposed for Parcel #23-19-05-120-155. Motion carried.

REQUIRED TRAINING FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS: OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT, PUBLIC RECORDS ACT AND RECORDS MANAGEMENT


The Mayor, Council Members, Clerk-Treasurer, Director of Planning and Building and the Director of Operations watched the required training videos. All of the City's elected officials have completed the required training.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Gomes adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

  
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Jeff Gomes, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Kay Jones, Clerk-Treasurer