

**MINUTES OF THE CASHMERE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 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 Bob Abramoski David Sherman	Dave Erickson
Staff:	Bob Schmidt, Director of Operations Kay Jones, Clerk-Treasurer Mark Botello, Director of Planning/Building	

FLAG SALUTE

EXCUSED ABSENCES

MOVED by Councilor Fletcher and seconded by Councilor Sherman to excuse the absence of Councilor Dave Erickson. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

Mayor Gomes read a report from Councilor Erickson. Erickson attended a meeting of Chelan and Douglas County elected officials, East Wenatchee and Wenatchee elected officials and City and County Fire District and Police Department representatives. The meeting focused on potentially banning the sale, use and possession of fireworks. The only consensus was that if any regulations were to be implemented, it would need to be done by all entities to be effective. They will meet again in a few months after more data is collected.

Councilor Fletcher reported that the electric buses at Link Transit are still in the works. Link was going to scrap the electric bus project due to the cooling system on the lithium batteries not working. They have now found a totally different battery; an iron phosphate battery that seems to be working. The company guaranteed buy-back of the iron phosphate batteries after 10 years. They are still testing the new battery, but soon you may see the electric trolley's on the streets.

Director Botello informed the council that the Wenatchee Valley Transportation Council (WVTC) is now named the Chelan Douglas County Transportation Council (CDCTC).

Botello reported that he has applied for a grant for a new traffic signal in front of the bank. Also, he gave a presentation regarding the grant application for the Riverside Park project. The City will find out in October whether they will be awarded the grant.

Councilman Sherman stated that the 9-11 Memorial ceremony will take place on 9-11 at 11:00 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Karin and Lee Blomquist addressed the council on the issue of outdoor beer gardens and entertainment for special events. They are the owners of Blom's American Grill and Irish Pub. Karin stated that she was surprised to find out that the permit for special events was only available on Founder's Day and other special holidays.

The Blomquists requested council to reconsider allowing the special use permit to encompass all special events; which could include St. Patrick's half-birthday or their own Happy Half Paddy, an outdoor party with live music, a football kickoff party for Cashmere High School, a Super Bowl party, cook offs, harvest or Halloween parties.

The council explained the reasoning behind the limitations on the Special Use permit. The permit is for the use of city property and the intent of the permit was to allow the use of city property for special events or happenings organized or sponsored by the city, Cashmere Chamber or Cashmere School District. Permits are allowed for any event associated with holidays observed by the city and any community festival observed by the city.

The City cannot allow city property to be used on an ongoing basis as an extension of business operations. Otherwise for a \$20 Special Use Permit they increase the size of their operating footprint. Other businesses don't have city real estate in front of their business to benefit from.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of August 11, 2014 Regular Council Meeting
Payroll and Claims Packet Dated August 25, 2014

Claim Check Nos. 34782 and EFT 07/2014 and 34788 - 34820 totaling \$538,380.12

Manual Check Nos. 34781 and 34783 and 34787

MOVED by Councilor Moore and seconded by Councilor Sherman to approve the items on the consent agenda. Motion carried.

PATON/ANGIER BRIDGE 3-STEP CLOSURE

The Paton/Angier Bridge has truck weight restrictions due to deficiencies. Annual bridge inspections are required. Car traffic is still allowed at this time. The Angier Bridge is on the City's Six-Year Transportation Plan, to remove the vehicular bridge and replace it with a pedestrian/bicycle bridge. Both DOT and the bridge inspector have said that the Angier Bridge would qualify for a pedestrian bridge.

Councilor Sherman proposed closing the bridge now. There are many reasons to close the bridge now, including safety for the kids who walk on Paton and Chapel to and from school. There are no sidewalks across the bridge and it's even more dangerous during the winter months when there is snow and the kids are walking in the street. Closing the bridge will also

eliminate speeding cars of Crunch Pak employees and high school kids that use Paton Street as a shortcut. Closing the bridge will not affect the school buses since they aren't allowed to drive over the bridge now because of weight restrictions. Another benefit of the closure is that it will separate the commercial district from the residential.

The proposed closure is in three steps; first is to close the bridge before or on the 1st day of the 2014 school year with temporary street barricades allowing a pedestrian path, second is to put into place concrete blocks within 3 months, and third is planning, permits and studies for the new bridge and removal of the old bridge.

2016 is the target date for new construction and placement of the final pedestrian bridge with beautification on both ends of new bridge.

MOVED by Councilor Moore and seconded by Councilor Fletcher to close the Paton/Angier Bridge to vehicular traffic and to authorize staff to proceed on the plan outlined in the Council Agenda Packet, provided that any expenditure in excess of \$2000 shall require further consideration and action of the Council. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 1233 AMENDING THE CASHMERE COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN

Director Mark Botello explained that there are four proposed zoning changes. A public hearing was already held regarding the changes.

MOVED by Councilor Fletcher and seconded by Councilor Abramoski to adopt Ordinance No. 1233 amending the Cashmere Comprehensive Land Use Plan. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 1234 AMENDING CHAPTER 17 ZONING AND THE CASHMERE ZONING MAP

The proposed ordinance amends Chapter 17 Zoning; including Section 17.08 definitions, Section 17.18 District Use Chart and Section 17.20 and other substantial amendments including amendments to the zoning map.

MOVED by Councilor Fletcher and seconded by Councilor Moore to adopt Ordinance No. 1234 amending Chapter 17 Zoning and the Cashmere Zoning Map. Motion carried.

PROGRESS REPORTS

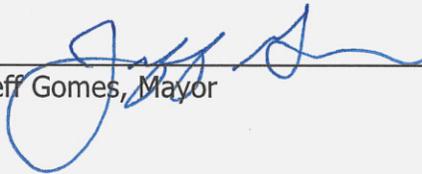
Councilor Moore informed the council that the negotiations for the Riverside Center Lease Agreement are done. A draft lease will be coming to council for review.

Amendment No. 2 to the current lease agreement has been drafted to include the transition plan.

Director Schmidt reported that they are building bugs at the wastewater treatment plant. They estimate 2 weeks out from discharging into the river.

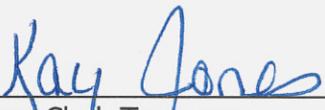
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Gomes adjourned the meeting at 7:04 p.m.



Jeff Gomes, Mayor

Attest:



Kay Jones, Clerk-Treasurer