

**MINUTES OF THE CASHMERE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 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.

ATTENDANCE

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Mayor:	Jeff Gomes	
Council:	Skip Moore Dave Erickson Bob Abramowski David Sherman	Jim Fletcher
Staff:	Bob Schmidt, Director of Operations Mark Botello, Director of Planning/Building Teresa Prescott, Secretary	Kay Jones, Clerk-Treasurer

FLAG SALUTE

EXCUSED ABSENCES

MOVED by Councilor Moore and seconded by Councilor Erickson to excuse the absence of Councilor Jim Fletcher. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

Mayor Gomes announced there will be a public meeting on the Highway 2/97 Transportation Study on Tuesday, September 16 at Riverside Center. The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. Councilors Erickson and Sherman will attend.

Councilor Sherman stated that the 9-11 Memorial ceremony will take place on 9/11 at 11:00 a.m. at Riverside Center.

Mayor Gomes announced there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new wastewater treatment plant on October 21 at 11:00 a.m.

Director Botello announced the new restroom for Riverside Park is nearly finished and should arrive next week. Botello handed out pictures of the restroom.

Botello also announced the Chamber will be doing some work to update the Riverside Park Kiosk and also some signage.

Councilor Sherman reminded council that although he is a member of the fire department, he does not work shifts so the agenda item regarding the shift work pilot program does not affect him.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Daniel Scott, 2 Big Rock Place, spoke regarding the closure of the Angier Bridge. Scott said the closure has had a big effect on school traffic. He requested the council do a study on school routes and traffic in the area. Mayor Gomes informed Scott the council had considered all the points he mentioned but they felt the dangers to pedestrians outweighed the traffic concerns. Chapel and Paton Streets do not have sidewalks, which pushes pedestrian traffic into the street, especially in winter when snow berms take up space near the edges.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of August 25, 2014 Regular Council Meeting
Payroll and Claims Packet Dated September 8, 2014

Claim Check Nos. 34821 and 34847 - 34894 totaling \$222,826.21

Payroll Check #34823 - 34846 totaling \$118,642.31

Manual Check Nos. 34822 not needing prior approval

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

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR HOUSING OF INMATES

MOVED by Councilor Moore and seconded by Councilor Abramoski to approve the amendment to the Interlocal agreement for 2015 with Chelan County for the housing of inmates in the Chelan County Regional Justice Center. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 10-2014 AUTHORIZING COUNCIL MEMBERS TO SERVE AS VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS

Councilor Sherman abstained. Because there were not enough voting members due to the absence of Councilor Fletcher the item was tabled.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE RIVER STREET & COTTAGE AVENUE CHIP SEAL PROJECT

MOVED by Councilor Moore and seconded by Councilor Sherman to approve the River Street & Cottage Avenue Chip Seal project with A&W Paving. Motion carried.

CASHMERE FIRE DEPARTMENT EMT NIGHT SHIFT PILOT PROGRAM

Fire Chief Matt Brunner recapped the activities of the Cashmere Volunteer Fire Department in 2014. The volunteers were involved in fighting all the North Central Washington Fires, they participate in parades around the area and the school caravans at the beginning and end of each school year.

This year the fire department received information regarding a monument up Yaksum Canyon that was placed in honor of a fallen firefighter, William A. Doley and David H. Koonz. After some research and searching they found the monument and cleaned up the area around it. They will do a clean up around the site each July 2, which is the day the gentlemen died.

Chief Brunner spoke in favor of the EMT shift pilot program, which was started this year. The shifts consist of two firefighters per week and 3 shifts. Each firefighter is paid \$5.00 per night for an annual cost of \$3,650. The pilot program assures there are always EMTs available to take night calls. Chief Brunner expressed the hope that the City would include this program in the 2015 budget.

Fire Chief Brunner also requested that council consider construction of a second fire station for storage of firefighting equipment on the other side of the railroad tracks. The potential exists that firefighters could be stalled on the north side of the tracks behind a train. Recently a train was stopped for 20 minutes blocking all the crossings and a truck was jackknifed on the Goodwin Street bridge, blocking all access to the other side.

Chief Brunner suggested construction of a pole building on the north end of the cemetery property that could be used to house firefighting equipment and also to replace the current buildings at the cemetery that house the backhoe and other cemetery equipment. The area where the current buildings are located could then be used for burial plots. A public restroom could also be included in the new building.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Director Botello reported that Selland Construction has begun work on the Railroad Avenue project.

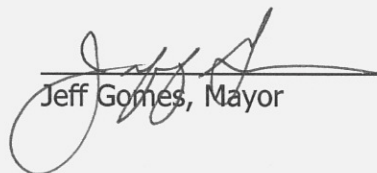
Botello also stated that work is progressing on the Washington Growers farmworker housing project on Sunset Hwy.

Councilor Sherman said the Sheriff's Department would like to have two dedicated parking spaces for deputies on the south side of Mission Avenue across from City Hall. The deputies want to be able to see their cars from the office. Mayor Gomes stated that with the move of the Water/Wastewater Department to the wastewater treatment plant there is now more parking available so that could be considered, however, he would like to see the deputies stop using the customer parking in front of City Hall.

Director Schmidt stated the bacteria growing in the new wastewater treatment plant are actually removing phosphorus down to .43 ppm, which is considerably better than expected. At the current rate the City should be able to stop using the lagoon and begin effluent to the river next week.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Gomes adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.



Jeff Gomes, Mayor

Attest:



Teresa Prescott, Secretary