

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

FLAG SALUTE

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

Councilor Fletcher reported that Link is also in the budget process. He shared a one page, ten year budget projects that he liked and thought was very helpful. He would like to see one for the City.

Director Mark Botello reported that the landscaping around the Welcome sign on Aplets has been completed. The members from the Latter Day Saints Church volunteered their time to plant the plants. Also, the trees along the roadside at the Cemetery have been planted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bob Stewart residing at 655 Mission Creek spoke to the council as a representative of Wes Martinson. Mr. Martinson wanted the council to be aware that he was serving papers on the City regarding an old Tort Claim.

Mayor Gomes explained to the council that City Attorney Chuck Zimmerman is aware and has reviewed the documents.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of October 13, 2014 Regular Council Meeting
Payroll and Claims Packet Dated October 27, 2014
Claim Check Nos. 35010 - 35043 totaling \$96,010.84
Manual Check Nos. 35009 not needing prior approval

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

RFP FOR CASHMERE RIVERSIDE CENTER

Mayor Gomes reported that the Request for Proposals for Riverside Center has been advertised. The deadline for proposal submittals is 5:00 p.m. November 14, 2014. The committee evaluation and interview of applicants will be complete by December 2nd and the City Council will make a decision on the Lease Agreement on December 8, 2014. The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals or part thereof.

The consensus of the council was that the same committee that reviewed and revised the new Lease Agreement should evaluate the RFP's and interview the applicants.

PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR 2015 INCLUDING CAPITAL PROJECTS

Clerk-Treasurer Kay Jones explained that the proposed estimated revenues for 2015 included the 1% increase in property tax, a 2.5% increase in water rates and a 6% increase in wastewater rates. Utility tax revenues in the General Fund increase due to the rate increase in the water and wastewater utility. The rest of the City's revenue is pretty much status quo.

Clerk Jones explained that the proposed expenditures for 2015 include a \$200 per month increase in the Mayor's salary, a \$20 per month increase in the council salary, and a 3% increase in union employee wages and exempt employee salaries. There is not much change in the operating expenditures.

The consensus of the council was to approve the increase in the Mayor's salary, but they were not in favor of increasing the salary for council. They would like to see some money budgeted for council training instead.

Clerk Jones discussed the capital projects in the 302 Capital Improvement Fund, which included office software and equipment, park and cemetery improvement projects, and street and bridge projects. Also discussed were the capital projects in the water and wastewater capital funds and the purchase of capital equipment in the Equipment Rental Fund.

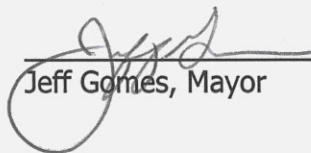
Councilor Erickson asked that the cost for paving the Public Works parking lot on Railroad Avenue be added to the capital projects.

Councilor Erickson suggested doing a salary survey, not necessarily for this budget, to see if the City's employees were where they should be.

PROGRESS REPORTS

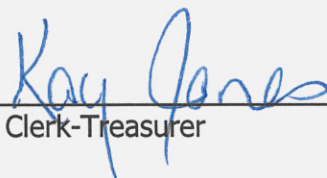
ADJOURNMENT

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



Jeff Gomes, Mayor

Attest:



Kay Jones, Clerk-Treasurer