

**MINUTES OF THE CASHMERE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 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, Planning/Building

FLAG SALUTE

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

PUBLIC COMMENT

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of October 27, 2014 Regular Council Meeting
Payroll and Claims Packet Dated November 10, 2014
Claim Check Nos. 35044, 35045 and 35052 - 35091 totaling \$250,557.61
Payroll Check Nos. 35047 – 35051 totaling \$103,837.72
Manual Check Nos. 35046 not needing prior approval

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

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2015 PRELIMINARY BUDGET, INCLUDING REVENUE SOURCES AND POSSIBLE INCREASE IN PROPERTY TAXES

Mayor Gomes opened the public Hearing at 6:03 p.m. to receive public comment on the preliminary budget for 2015. Using the overhead projector Clerk-Treasurer Kay Jones showed that the proposed estimated revenues for 2015 include 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 sources have very little change.

Clerk Jones showed that the proposed expenditures for 2015 include a \$200 per month increase in the Mayor's salary, a 3% increase in union employee wages according to union contract and a 3% increase in exempt employee salaries according to past practice. The medical benefits were estimated at a 15% increase and the City's Risk Management Insurance for property shows an increase due to the new \$20,000,000 wastewater treatment plant. With the increase in water and wastewater rates there is an increase in utility taxes paid by the utility funds into the General Fund and State excise taxes. There is little change to the other operating expenditures.

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

Clerk Jones explained that the preliminary Budget for 2015 is presented as a balanced budget meeting the City's budget policy that estimated revenues must cover estimated operating expenditures. The capital expenditures or transfers to capital funds are not included in balancing revenues to operating expenses.

Daniel Scott residing at 2 Big Rock Place commented that he appreciated the budget presentation. His comments were regarding the lack of shade at the city pool and the need for seating at the swim meets. He would appreciate the city looking into both.

Mayor Gomes closed the hearing at 7:02 p.m.

ORDINANCE NO. 1235 ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION TO BE PAID TO THE MAYOR AND REAFFIRMING COMPENSATION TO BE PAID TO COUNCIL MEMBERS

The proposed ordinance increased the mayor's salary from \$400 to \$600 per month and it reaffirms the council salary at \$100 per month.

MOVED by Councilor Fletcher and seconded by Councilor Erickson to adopt Ordinance No. 1235 establishing compensation to be paid to the Mayor and reaffirming compensation to be paid to council members. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 1236 AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL PROPERTY TAX LEVY

The proposed ordinance levy's the 1% increase that is allowed without a vote. The 1% increase equals \$5,776.70.

MOVED by Councilor Fletcher and seconded by Councilor Erickson to adopt Ordinance No. 1236 Authorizing the General Property Tax Levy. Motion carried with four voting in favor and Councilor Moore voting no.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY AND THE SCHOOL DISTRICT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR A RESOURCE OFFICER (CRIMINAL JUSTICE FUNDS)

Consensus of the council was to amend Section 2 to clarify that all Criminal Justice Special Funds the City receives will be paid to the School District to help pay for a School Resource Officer and delete the last sentence.

MOVED by Councilor Fletcher and seconded by Councilor Moore to approve the Interlocal Agreement between City and the School District concerning funding for a Resource Officer using Criminal Justice restricted funds, as amended. Motion carried.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Mayor Gomes reported on the progress of the Corridor Study regarding Aplets Way Intersection and the Goodwin Bridge.


ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Gomes adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.



Jeff Gomes, Mayor

Attest:



Kay Jones, Clerk-Treasurer