

**MINUTES OF THE CASHMERE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 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:	Jim Fletcher Dave Erickson Bob Abramoski David Sherman	Skip Moore
Staff:	Bob Schmidt, Director of Operations Kay Jones, Clerk-Treasurer Mark Botello, Planning/Building	

FLAG SALUTE

EXCUSED ABSENCE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

Director Mark Botello announced that Bob Shelton from Sheldon Tree Farm is donating a 25-30 foot Christmas tree to the City. A heavy duty tree stand is being manufactured and the tree will be set up in Ardeta Park. The Cashmere Chamber is purchasing the tree decorations and the Cashmere Fire Department will assist with the decorating.

Botello announced that the city has received another \$350,000 grant for the signal on Aplets Way.

Also, 9-11 Committee will be presenting 95% complete design plans for the memorial site.

Mayor Gomes reported that he, Councilors Erickson and Fletcher and Director Botello attended the Port's meeting at which they discussed the next steps for the Port Property on Sunset Avenue. Crunch Pak is not renewing their purchasing option. They discussed the need for marketing the property and erecting a sign showing the lots for sale.

Councilor Erickson reported that the city received 3 submittals for the RFP that went out for Riverside Center. The committee reviewed the proposals and successfully negotiated an agreement. Legal will be drafting an agreement for the council's approval at the next council meeting.

Mayor Gomes reported that Chelan County Solid Waste held the annual hazardous waste collection event. They received hazardous waste from 24 commercial and 900 residents. The countywide event was very successful.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED by Councilor Fletcher and seconded by Councilor Sherman to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of November 10, 2014 Regular Council Meeting
Payroll and Claims Packet Dated November 24, 2014

Claim Check Nos. 35092, 35093 and 35094 - 35122 totaling \$485,628.32

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

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FINAL BUDGET FOR 2015

Mayor Gomes opened the public hearing at 6:13 p.m. to receive public comment on the Final Budget for 2015. Since there was no public present the Mayor closed the hearing at 6:14 p.m.

Mayor Gomes read his budget letter that explained the 3% COLA for union employees and exempt employees, the 2.5% increase in water rate and the 6% increase in wastewater rates. The budget includes increases in law enforcement and jail fees. The city will be completing several capital projects for the cemetery, parks, and streets. The 2015 budget is a 3.07 percent increase above the 2014 budget. Budget appropriations for operations do not exceed current year estimated revenues, which meets budget policy.

ORDINANCE NO. 1237 ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR 2015

MOVED by Councilor Fletcher and seconded by Councilor Erickson to adopt Ordinance No. 1237 adopting the budget for 2015. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 1238 AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS IN CHAPTER 14.13 TO REVISE THE CONTENT OF VOLUNTARY CORRECTION AGREEMENTS AND NOTICES OF VIOLATIONS

Director Botello explained that the city's current procedures are very cumbersome and takes months before the violation is abated. The proposed changes expedite the process and allows the person responsible for the violation to enter into a voluntary correction agreement.

MOVED by Councilor Fletcher and seconded by Councilor Abramoski to adopt Ordinance No 1238 amending various sections in Chapter 14.13 to revise the content of voluntary correction agreement and notices of violations. Motion carried.

RAILROAD AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS CHANGE ORDER NO. 1

The change order in the amount of \$7,567.00, includes the following; remove existing concrete panel roadway, replace concrete panels with CSTC, and grind existing asphalt before and after concrete panel to transition to existing surfacing.

Staff explained that even with the change order the project is still within budget. Due to scheduling issues staff authorized approval of the change order and the subject work has been completed.

MOVED by Councilor Fletcher and seconded by Councilor Sherman to approve Change Order No. 1 for Railroad Avenue Improvement project. Motion carried.

REQUEST TO ANNEX PROPERTY AT 5755 EVERGREEN DRIVE INTO THE CITY

Stephen and Cheri Keife submitted a request to annex property at 5755 Evergreen Drive. The subject property is adjacent to the Cashmere City limits. They have already signed the Petition for Annexation.

MOVED by Councilor Erickson and seconded by Councilor Fletcher to accept the annexation request for property located at 5755 Evergreen Drive and require the simultaneous adoption of the Comprehensive Plan and the City of Cashmere Zoning regulations consistent therewith for the area proposed to be annexed and require the assumption of City indebtedness by the area proposed to be annexed and set a public hearing for January 12, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Director Botello reported that the Farm Growers project is moving along well. Also the project on the corner of Cottage Avenue and Woodring Street will be completed by spring of 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Gomes adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.



Jeff Gomes, Mayor

Attest:



Kay Jones, Clerk-Treasurer