

**MINUTES OF THE CASHMERE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 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 Abramowski David Sherman	
Staff:	Bob Schmidt, Director of Operations Kay Jones, Clerk-Treasurer Mark Botello, Planning/Building Chuck Zimmerman, City Attorney	

FLAG SALUTE

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

Councilor Fletcher thanked Mayor Gomes, Director Botello and Don Popoff from RH2 Engineering for attending the Rotary meeting to give a presentation on the new Wastewater Treatment Plant. Don Popoff did a great job explaining the project and operations of the WWTP.

Director Botello reported that the Chamber is sponsoring Christmas in Cashmere. The event is December 18th from 5 to 7 p.m. Cottage Avenue will be closed and there will be festive music holiday treats and warm beverages.

Mayor Gomes reported that he will be attending an Icycle Water Works meeting Wednesday, December 17th and a Transportation meeting on Thursday, December 18th.

Mayor Gomes gave a brief update on the Icycle Water Works meetings and where they were at regarding water shortage and water rights.

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 24, 2014 Regular Council Meeting
Payroll and Claims Packet Dated December 8, 2014

Claim Check Nos. 35131, and 35133 - 35175 totaling \$87,411.11

Payroll Check Nos. 35125 – 35130 totaling \$101,249.49

Manual Check Nos. 35124 and 35132 and Voided Check No. 35123

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

CASHMERE'S 9/11 MEMORIAL COMMITTEE PRESENTATION

Tom Green, Dan Dean and Engineer Bob Miller gave a presentation on the design of the 9/11 Memorial site. Tom Green explained his design of the site and the purpose and thought behind it. The committee does not have a construction estimate at this time. The committee has \$14,600 funds committed and companies that have committed to donate time and materials.

Additional funds will be available if the County designates the Cashmere Memorial site as the official County 9/11 Memorial site.

The 9/11 Committee was asking for the council to approve the design plan before moving forward. The consensus of the council was the plans looked great. There were no suggested changes.

CASHMERE RIVERSIDE CENTER LEASE AGREEMENT

The City sent out a Request for Proposals for operating the Cashmere Riverside Center. The City received three proposals. The committee reviewed the proposals, selected Teri Weedman to interview and negotiate an agreement. The committee negotiated and recommended to council a 3-year term with an option to extend rather than the proposed 5-year term and the rent payments for the first quarter of 2015 were waived in consideration of initial maintenance, painting, and cosmetic improvements planned by Lessee.

MOVED by Councilor Fletcher and seconded by Councilor Sherman to approve the Cashmere Riverside Center Lease Agreement. Motion carried.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CASHMERE AND JOHN BRYANT CONCERNING CASHMERE RIVERSIDE CENTER

The proposed agreement releases Bryant from payment of any further rent obligations owed pursuant to the Riverside Center Lease Agreement and any amendments and extensions, in consideration of Bryant following through with the commitments of Bryant as set forth in the proposed agreement.

MOVED by Councilor Moore and seconded by Councilor Fletcher to approve the Agreement between the City and John Bryant concerning Cashmere Riverside Center. Motion carried.

AGREEMENT CONCERNING USE OF DOMAIN NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR CASHMERE RIVERSIDE CENTER

The agreement states that the domain name "Cashmereriversidecenter.com" and the telephone number for the Center will at all times be owned by the city. It also addresses Facebook and any other social media, which will be closed upon termination of the Lease Agreement.

MOVED by Councilor Sherman and seconded by Councilor Moore to approve the Agreement concerning use of domain name and telephone number for Cashmere Riverside Center. Motion carried.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND TIB FOR APLETS WAY

The Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) awarded the City \$350,000 for the Aplets Way Improvement project. The agreement is for receiving and administering the grant funds.

MOVED by Councilor Erickson and seconded by Councilor Abramowski to approve the Agreement between the City and Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) for Aplets Way. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-2014 ADOPTING PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION OF REIMBURSEMENT AREA BETWEEN CITY AND PORT OF CHELAN COUNTY

The proposed resolution adopts a preliminary determination of reimbursement area, finding that the properties within the area are benefited from development improvements of a waterline and establishing an equitable method of assessment related to latecomer application for water system improvements filed by the Port of Chelan County and establishes a date for a public hearing to consider adoption of the final reimbursement area.

MOVED by Councilor Fletcher and seconded by Councilor Erickson to adopt Resolution No. 11-2014 Adopting preliminary determination of reimbursement area between the City and Port of Chelan County. Motion carried.

CITY OF CASHMERE AGREEMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES

The proposed agreement was for a 5-year term. There were two options for Section 4; one that used the CPI and stated that the rates shall increase by a minimum of 2.5% each year and no increase shall exceed 4% in any year. The other option was a straight 3% increase each year.

MOVED by Councilor Erickson and seconded by Councilor Sherman to approve the Agreement for legal services with the 3% annual increase. Motion carried.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Director Schmidt reported that the Change Order bids for the phosphorus piece at the WWTP came in too high. The engineers are trying to carve out pieces to get the cost down. If they are successful, due to the time crunch the Mayor may have to call a special meeting to have the council approve the change order.

Director Botello reported that the Christmas Tree is up and decorated in Ardeta Park and the antique Santa lights have been hung under the crosswalk canopies on Cottage Ave.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Gomes adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.



Jeff Gomes, Mayor

Attest:



Kay Jones, Clerk-Treasurer