

**MINUTES OF THE CASHMERE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2015 AT CASHMERE CITY HALL**

OPENING

Mayor Jeff Gomes opened the regular city council meeting at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

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 Mark Botello, Planning/Building	Kay Jones, Clerk-Treasurer

FLAG SALUTE

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

The Mayor announced that Bob Schmidt's last day with the City is March 13th. He will be on the payroll until the end of the month. Bob has been with the city for 33 years. There will be a farewell lunch for Bob on March 7th at 1:00 p.m. that staff and council is invited to attend at the WWTP.

Mayor Gomes informed the council that a letter was sent to Senator Linda Parlette, signed by Chelan County Commissioner Keith Goehner, Port of Chelan Commissioner JC Baldwin, and City of Cashmere Mayor Jeff Gomes. The letter addresses their collective disappointment that funding for a solution to the existing Goodwin Bridge deficiencies was not included on the list of projects for proposed funding. All three entities share the belief that a new bridge is critical to both the mobility of freight in and out of Cashmere and to route truck traffic away from downtown Cashmere. They are requesting the Senator to secure funding to replace the Goodwin Bridge as soon as possible.

Director Botello informed the council that the City will have to repeat the process for selection of municipal engineering services and municipal surveying services for 2015 since the ad for the RFQ did not get published.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of February 9, 2015 Regular Council Meeting
Payroll and Claims Packet Dated February 23, 2015

Claims Check No. EFT 01/2015 AND #35402 - #35429 totaling \$328,427.70

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

APLETS WAY AND COTTAGE AVENUE INTERSECTION DESIGN OPTIONS

Erik Howe from RH2 Engineering presented a traffic computer model simulation for a 3-Arm Traffic Signal versus a Fully Mountable Roundabout/All Way Yield.

The circle in the center of the roundabout would be fully mountable. The simulation shows a semi-truck and trailer driving through the roundabout successfully. The traffic flows shown are at Cashmere's peak traffic time.

Concerns discussed included loss of parking spaces in front of the bank, especially the one for the ATM, turning left onto River Street and that entering the bank parking lot may impede traffic flow. The council suggested bringing the bank to the table for discussions.

One plus for the signal lights is that you can designate more time to a particular direction for flow of traffic. A couple downfalls to the signal lights is the cost to install, annual maintenance costs and that the signal will make turning left into River Street even worse.

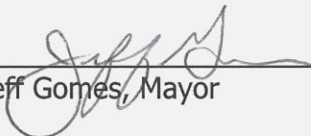
Erik suggested that the water and wastewater utilities be done in 2015 and the asphalt portion be done in the spring of 2016.

Consensus was to talk with Cashmere Valley Bank and Crunch Pak to get answers before having a public meeting and to reach out to the Chamber and the Rotary Club. The public meeting can be held during a regular council meeting.

MOVED by Councilor Sherman and seconded by Councilor Moore to continue to explore the All Way Yield design and public outreach. Motion carried.

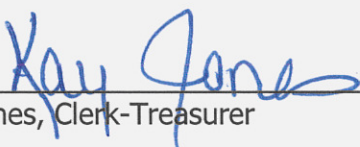
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Gomes adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.



Jeff Gomes, Mayor

Attest:



Kay Jones, Clerk-Treasurer