

**MINUTES OF THE CASHMERE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 11, 2015 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:	Kay Jones, Clerk-Treasurer Mark Botello, Planning/Building Chuck Zimmerman, City Attorney	

FLAG SALUTE

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

Mayor Gomes announced that the next council meeting will be Tuesday, May 26th due to Memorial Day.

Clerk-Treasurer Kay Jones requested volunteers to review the annual financial report. Councilors Sherman and Erickson volunteered to be the review committee.

Public Comment

Betty Bovee resides at 210 Elberta. She has recently found out that her chickens are not allowed in the residential zone and she has to get rid of them. She would like to have chickens for the eggs. She asked the council to consider changing the code to allow people to have a few chickens in the residential zone.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of April 27, 2015 Regular Council Meeting

Payroll and Claims Packet Dated May 11, 2015

Claims Check #35605 - #35649 totaling \$91,328.40

Payroll Check #35601 - #35604 totaling \$100,305.35

Set a Public Hearing on Monday June 8, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. on the Six-Year transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

MOVED by Councilor Moore and seconded by Councilor Abramowski to approve the items on the

consent agenda. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY 2 CORRIDOR PRESENTATION

Steve Lewis of the Lochner Group gave a presentation on the results from the Highway 2 Corridor Study. The committee consists of WSDOT, Chelan County, Port of Chelan, City of Cashmere and CDTC.

The study included the three intersections into Cashmere; the Goodwin Bridge, the Aplets Way intersection, and the Cotlets Way intersection.

The County has already received a twelve million dollar grant for the Goodwin Bridge intersection.

APLETS WAY AND COTTAGE AVENUE INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT OPTIONS

Erik Howe from RH2 Engineering explained that he looked at four different scenarios for the Aplets Way and Cottage Avenue intersection. When planning they look 20 years out. A three way stop doesn't work, it fails tomorrow and the current intersection works now, but the traffic model shows the southbound left leg fails in 7 years and a second leg fails within 20 years. It would be short sighted to do nothing. The City has obtained the funding to address the intersection now. You don't wait until something fails before you address it. If the City waits until the intersection fails there may not be funding available.

The traffic model showed that both the traditional traffic light intersection and a roundabout intersection worked. The cost of the traffic light intersection was higher for the utilities and would include an ongoing annual maintenance cost. Both of these scenarios have their benefits.

Erik explained that what he heard as the largest concern was the loss of parking spaces. So in the new design of the roundabout the loss of parking spaces has been reduced from twelve to five. Erik made it clear that in any option the two spaces in front of the bank would be eliminated due to safety and to comply with state law.

MOVED by Councilor Sherman and seconded by Councilor Moore to proceed forward with the roundabout.

Councilor Fletcher stated that it is probably the best solution, but we are offering customers something they aren't ready for so we should delay doing anything right now. He feels the majority of our citizens do not want the roundabout.

Councilor Sherman stated that he doesn't believe the council has heard from the majority that the roundabout is not wanted. The council has heard from a vocal few that have voiced concerns and the City has addressed those concerns. He doesn't believe this to be the opinion of the majority of Cashmere.

Motion carried with four in favor of proceeding with the roundabout and Councilor Fletcher voting no.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Director Botello reported that the bids for the chip seal project have come in. The lowest bid is

less than the amount budgeted. Staff is going to look at adding a couple more streets to the project since the funds are available.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Gomes adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m.



Jeff Gomes, Mayor

Attest:



Kay Jones, Clerk-Treasurer