

MINUTES OF THE CASHMERE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2015 AT CASHMERE CITY HALL

OPENING

Mayor 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	
Skip Moore	Jim Fletcher Dave Erickson Bob Abramoski David Sherman	Skip Moore
Staff:	Kay Jones, Clerk-Treasurer Mark Botello, Planning/Building	Chuck Zimmerman, City Attorney

FLAG SALUTE

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

Councilor Erickson reported that the 9/11 Memorial project is moving right along. There's been a decision to add plants around the flagpoles, 9/11 Memorial signs will be going up on the highway and in the city.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Larry Bruehl, of 111 White Birch Place stated that he is the spokesperson for Citizens For Due Process. Mr. Bruehl voiced concern regarding fire code and Certificates of Occupancy for the new building on the corner of Woodring and Cottage.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of July 27, 2015 Regular City Council Meeting
Payroll and Claims Packet Dated August 10, 2015

Claim Check Nos. 1530 and 35942 through 35993 totaling \$475,525.07
Payroll Check Nos. 35917 through 35941 totaling \$122,034.47
Manual Checks 35910 through 35916

Moved by Councilor Erickson and seconded by Councilor Sherman to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CASHMERE AND dTEC SYSTEMS, LLC FOR PHOSPHOROUS PROJECT

Mayor Gomes explained that the City recently completed construction of a new wastewater treatment plant that is state of the art and utilizes biological processes relating to phosphorous removal. dTEC has applied for a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Small Business Innovation Research Program Grant to study phosphorous recovery in the sewage treatment

process. The City wastewater treatment plant is an ideal site for dTEC to perform its research pursuant to the U.S. EPA Grant Program. The City has space available at the wastewater treatment plant that could be utilized by dTEC to perform the research. The City will benefit from the research performed by dTEC because of the nature of the City treatment plant and dTEC agrees to share all of the results of its research with the City at no charge to the City.

Moved by Councilor Fletcher and seconded by Councilor Erickson to approve the Agreement between the City and dTEC Systems, LLC for Phosphorous Project. Motion carried

AGREEMENT WITH RH2 ENGINEERING FOR ONGOING ENGINEERING SUPPORT SERVICES FOR WASTEWATER

The Scope of Work for Ongoing Services is to provide support services for the operation of the City's WWTP and the operation of the sewer systems. An estimate of the current support is based on the recent level of services. As the treatment plant is in operation longer and staff becomes more knowledgeable, it is assumed the need for technical services will reduce. Approximately ten hours per week for a period of six months is estimated. On-call technical service for operations and process is estimated at \$35,185 and on-call technical services for electrical systems is estimated at \$7,499. Total six month agreement from August 1, 2015 to January 31, 2016 is \$42,684.

Moved by Councilor Fletcher and seconded by Councilor Sherman to approve the Agreement with RH2 Engineering for ongoing engineering support services for wastewater. Motion carried

ACCEPTANCE OF PUBLIC WORKS PARKING LOT PROJECT

Moved by Councilor Erickson and seconded by Councilor Abramowski to accept the Public Works Parking lot project and authorize release of payment less retainage. Motion carried

ACCEPTANCE OF CITY'S 2015 CHIP SEAL PRESERVATION PROJECT

Moved by Councilor Fletcher seconded by Councilor Erickson to accept the City's 2015 Chip Seal project and authorize release of payment less retainage. Motion carried

PROGRESS REPORTS

Director Botello reported that the Cottage Avenue playground was in use today.

The surveying for Aplets Way will start next week. Then the water and sewer lines will be installed. The timeline for completion of the roundabout is September 30th. Project work will be done at night to minimize the impact to downtown businesses.

Mayor Gomes reported that staff and RH2 Engineering measured and looked at the river depth and compared it to the current flow forecast by NOAA. On July 29th the water height was 18" over the intakes. Estimated water height is 7" over intakes on October 15th. So at the moment it appears there should be continuous water supply at the intakes, but this is based on predictions, and the assumption that rains will come in October.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Gomes adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.



Jeff Gomes, Mayor

Attest:



Kay Jones, Clerk-Treasurer