

MINUTES OF THE CASHMERE CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 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 Kameon Smith Derrick Pratt	
Staff:	Kay Jones, Clerk-Treasurer Mark Botello, Dir. of Planning/Building	Chuck Zimmerman, City Attorney

FLAG SALUTE

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No public comment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

Director Mark Botello reported that he is part of the committee that's working on the Wenatchee Flood Control Zone, which includes Chelan County and five cities.

Also, that he and the Mayor spent a day and a half judging applications for homeless grant funds. Applications for grand funds equaled 2.5 million and there was only 1.5 million available.

The City has received an RCO grant for Riverside Park in the amount of \$250,000. Director Botello will be meeting with the Park Committee and the Skate Park subcommittee and the Design subcommittee to start planning the park project for 2016. Labor and materials can count towards the City's 50% match.

The City has to get an emergency HPA permit from the Fish and Wildlife to work in Mission Creek to eliminate a potential flooding incident.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of November 23, 2015 Regular City Council Meeting  
Payroll and Claims Packet Dated December 14, 2015

Claim Check Nos. EFT 11/2015 and #36317 through #36366 totaling \$261,503.20

Payroll Check Nos. #36314 through #36316 totaling \$102,082.43

Manual Check #36367

MOVED by Councilor Erickson and seconded by Councilor Moore to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried

CHELAN COUNTY DEPUTY, AARON SHEPARD – K-9 DEMONSTRATION

Aaron Shepard is a canine Deputy for the Chelan County Sheriff's Office. Deputy Shepard explained that the canine unit's mission is to assist the patrol units and surrounding law enforcement agencies. He discussed how valuable the dogs are and the duties they perform including locating and apprehending criminals, protecting law enforcement personnel and citizens and locating illegal drugs and lost persons. Deputy Shepard's dog is a German Shepherd patrol canine named Reno. Reno gave a great demonstration of his skills in apprehending and holding a "bad guy".

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY AND TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION #760

Mayor Gomes announced that the union negotiations have ended. The employees have voted and ratified the new contract. The union is updating the agreement with the new revisions. When the City has a complete agreement it will be presented to the council for approval in January.

ORDINANCE NO. 1247 ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR 2016

MOVED by Councilor Erickson and seconded by Councilor Fletcher to adopt Ordinance No. 1247 adopting the Budget for 2016. Motion carried

RESOLUTION NO. 06-2015 SUPPORT FOR CONTINUED INVOLVEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR ICICLE CREEK AND "BASE PACKAGE"

MOVED by Councilor Fletcher and seconded by Councilor Moore to adopt Resolution No. 06-2015 Support for continued involvement and development of a comprehensive water resource management plan for Icicle Creek and Base Package. Motion carried

BLUE STAR GROWERS WATER RIGHTS CONTINUED DISCUSSION

At the last council meeting the council requested staff to find out the value of an acre foot in 1995 when Blue Star Growers transferred the water rights to the City. Staff contacted Mark Peterson, an attorney specializing in water issues and was a member of the Chelan County Water Conservancy Board. Mr. Peterson estimates the value at \$200 to \$300 per acre foot in 1995. Blue Star transferred 352 acre feet to the city. After Department of Ecology's calculations the water certificate states 325 acre feet. Using the \$300 times the 325 acre feet the value of the water rights in 1995 is estimated at \$105,600.

Mayor Gomes estimated that the benefit to Blue Star Growers has been \$180,000 due to their water rate being frozen at the 1995 rate for twenty years. The City has paid in excess of the estimated value of the water rights. The legal opinion the City received was that any further reduction in water rates would be considered a gifting of public funds. The current contract has expired; Blue Star Growers would have to bring additional value to the table for the city to negotiate a new contract.

There was a lot of discussion back and forth between the City and Jerry and Dan Kenoyer from Blue Star. They didn't feel the City was honoring the spirit of the agreement. The Kenoyer's didn't agree with the estimated value of the water rights nor did they agree with the \$65,000 estimated benefit for the first thirteen years. Mayor Gomes stated that the remaining seven years is actual costs derived from billing records, showing a benefit of \$115,000, which is still in excess of the \$105,600 estimated value of the water rights.

MOVED by Councilor Fletcher and seconded by Councilor Moore to deny any further water rate reduction because of the transfer of water rights from Blue Star Growers to the City of Cashmere. Motion carried with four voting in favor and Councilor Smith voting no.

2016 AGREEMENT FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES

MOVED by Councilor Moore and seconded by Councilor Fletcher to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the 2016 Agreement for emergency services. Motion carried

ACCEPTANCE OF THE APLETS WAY ROUNDABOUT AND UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS

Pipkin Construction has completed the work on the Aplets Way Roundabout and Utility Improvements project in accordance with the plans and specifications. RH2 Engineering recommends final acceptance of the contract.

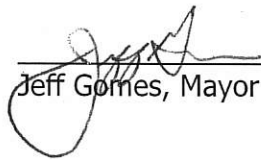
MOVED by Councilor Fletcher and seconded by Councilor Moore to approve final acceptance of the Aplets Way Roundabout and Utility Improvements project. Motion carried

PROGRESS REPORTS

Director Mark Botello reported that he is working with a consultant and has found material for the pool to replace the tile. The plan is to start first thing in the spring.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Gomes adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

  
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Jeff Gomes, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Kay Jones, Clerk-Treasurer