

MINUTES OF THE CASHMERE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 23, 2016 AT CASHMERE CITY HALL

OPENING

Mayor Gomes opened the regular city council meeting at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. Administrative Assistant Teresa Prescott took minutes.

ATTENDANCE

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Mayor:	Jeff Gomes Skip Moore Jim Fletcher Dave Erickson Derrick Pratt	Kameon Smith
Staff:	Mark Botello, Dir. of Planning/Building Chuck Zimmerman, City Attorney Teresa Prescott, Administrative Assistant	Kay Jones, Clerk-Treasurer

FLAG SALUTE

EXCUSE ABSENCE

Moved by Councilor Moore and seconded by Councilor Fletcher to excuse the absence of Councilor Smith. Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No comments from the public.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

Mayor Gomes informed council of a request by City resident Tauni Hink to provide a senior/disabled discount at the City pool. Councilor Fletcher told Mrs. Hink that a punch pass is the equivalent of a 25% discount.

Mayor Gomes offered poppies to council along with an envelope for donations to veterans. Friday May 20 was Poppy Day in Cashmere and citizens are encouraged to wear the poppies on Memorial Day and reflect on the sacrifices of our veterans.

Mayor Gomes summarized a letter he received from Chelan-Douglas Health District requesting the City consider a donation of \$500 toward the purchase of portable air cleaners for use in a clean air shelter. The shelter would be used to help people during extended periods of community smoke exposure. The shelter is especially important for elderly people and children with asthma.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of May 9, 2016 Regular Council Meeting
Payroll and Claims Packet Dated May 23, 2016

Claim Check Nos. #36810 through #36858 through totaling \$105,986.61
Voided Check #36777 totaling \$2,623.78 making Claims total \$103,362.83

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

CONTRACT WITH WASTE MANAGEMENT FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES

City Attorney Charles Zimmerman summarized the recent history of the RFP for solid waste collection services explaining that another company was originally selected but was unable to deliver the services required.

Zimmerman explained some of the changes negotiated to the contract, including the reason for the 10-year term of the contract, that recycles are included in the cost of service and is single stream, the problems encountered in removing yard debris; how rate increases will be calculated, and other minor changes. The City negotiated an 15% discount for low-income senior citizens and disabled persons.

City facilities garbage will be removed free of charge up to the amount historically used by those facilities.

A representative from Waste Management explained the 3.6% refuse tax is only charged on the garbage portion of the bill, not on recycles.

Director of Planning & Building, Mark Botello said as soon as the Waste Management website for Cashmere is up and running he will put a link to it on the City website. Beginning October 1, 2016 Waste Management will take over removal of solid waste from the City of Cashmere, field questions and handle problems regarding garbage pickup.

MOVED by Councilor Fletcher and seconded by Councilor Erickson to approve the contract for solid waste removal services with Waste Management and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract. Motion carried with 3 voting to approve and Councilor Pratt voting against.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Director Botello reported that the Aplets Way project is complete except a few items on the punchlist.

Minor changes have been made to the plans for the Rank Road paving project due to requests from residents in the area.

Improvements to the City pool are complete and we may be able to fill the pool this week. We are waiting on the electrician to complete the wiring of the new heat pumps. Also we will be fencing the heat pumps to protect them from vandalism.

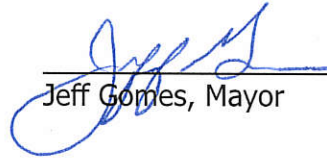
The Riverside Center painting project is complete and the driveway was paved by the contractor that paved the drying pad at the wastewater treatment plant.

Three bids were received for Cemetery Road paving project. The apparent low bidder was Granite with a bid of \$22,000, which was above the estimate of \$15,000.


The arborist pruned 23 trees in Simpson Park. During the City's playground audit performed by WCIA, the City's insurance carrier, it was found the trees needed attention due to dead wood and for the overall health of the trees.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Gomes adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.



Jeff Gomes, Mayor

Attest:


Teresa Prescott, Administrative Assistant