

MINUTES OF THE CASHMERE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2016 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

Director Mark Botello reported that the two new street lights on S. Douglas Street have been installed by Chelan PUD as requested.

Mark informed the Council of the new application for a three lot subdivision on Pioneer Avenue.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No comments from the public.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of November 14, 2016 Regular Council Meeting
Payroll and Claims Packet Dated November 28, 2016
Claims Check #EFT 10/2016 and #37457 through 37473 totaling \$45,873.04

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

PUBLIC HEARING ON FINAL BUDGET FOR 2017

Mayor Gomes opened the Public Hearing at 6:03 p.m. to receive public comment on the Final Budget for 2017. The Budget letter from Mayor Gomes shows two years of actual budget numbers to compare to previous years. The major changes in revenues and expenditures are summarized in the letter and the capital projects and purchases are listed.

Clerk-Treasurer Kay Jones stated that the \$400,000 transfer to the Wastewater Capital fund was eliminated in the Final Budget to keep from drawing down the ending fund balance. The 2017 estimated revenues cover operating costs but do not cover all of the capital transfer amounts.

Mayor Gomes discussed the concerns regarding the Water/Wastewater fund and informed the council that he will be looking into staffing levels and making an effort to reduce overtime. Also, a rate study is scheduled for 2017 to look at water and wastewater rates to make certain the rates are where they should be to cover expenses.

Councilor Fletcher stated that after doing a quick calculation into the future the current service levels of the City are not sustainable. His recommendation is to start educating the citizens now so they understand that service levels will need to be reduced or taxes will need to be raised to maintain the service levels.

The Mayor closed the Hearing at 6:12 p.m.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

The Committee Members Councilors Derrick Pratt and Kameon Smith met with Sheriff Burnett and School Superintendent Glenn Johnson to discuss the School Resource Officer (SRO). Both Councilors Pratt and Smith like the idea of the SRO program. However, after reviewing the proposed 2017 budget and discussing options. The committee recommended Option #1, which was to wait until the new Law Enforcement contract for 2018-2021 is negotiated to determine if the City can afford to participate in the program.

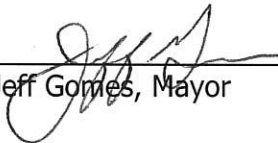
MOVED by Councilor Fletcher and seconded by Councilor Smith to accept the committee's recommendation of Option #1 to wait until the new Law Enforcement contract for 2018-2021 is negotiated. Motion carried.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Director Botello reported that he worked with the Fire Department to submit a grant for 169,000 for 20 SCBA's which include batteries, mask and the tank. The City's match would be 5%. If the City is awarded the grant the budget will be amended.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Gomes adjourned the meeting at 6:18 p.m.



Jeff Gomes, Mayor

Attest:



Kay Jones, City Clerk-Treasurer