# MINUTES OF THE CASHMERE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2017 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>

Not Present

Mayor:

Jeff Gomes Skip Moore Jim Fletcher Dave Erickson Kameon Smith Derrick Pratt

Staff:

Kay Jones, Clerk-Treasurer

Mark Botello, Director

Chuck Zimmerman, City Attorney

#### **FLAG SALUTE**

#### **PROCLAMATION**

Mayor Gomes declared April 26, 2017 as Arbor Day in the City of Cashmere, and urged all citizens to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands and to support our city's urban forestry program.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION**

Mayor Gomes reported that the street light program is underway. The PUD contractor is picking up a few of our lamp heads to retrofit and convert them to LED.

Regarding the West Cashmere Bridge; there was \$2 million capital money included in the Senate budget and the head of the house transportation committee said that she will include that in the revision of the house budget. We'll just have to wait and see where it goes and what comes out of the legislature. They will be applying for a freight mobility grant for the remaining \$3 million needed. It appears pleading our case in Olympia may have paid off.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No comment from the public.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Minutes of March 27, 2017 Regular Council Meeting

Payroll and Claims Packet Dated April 10, 2017

Claims Check #DOC  $1^{st}$  Qtr and #37810 through #37851 totaling \$81,644.54 Payroll Check #37806 through #37809 totaling \$108,219.00

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

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### CHELAN COUNTY PUD ADVANCED METERING

John Stoll and Project Manager Sam Dilly from the Chelan County PUD discussed their advanced meter project and the benefits to the PUD and to the customer in having an advanced meter. Benefits include faster response times on outages and service calls, reduced travel time in order to read meters, improved customer billing accuracy and increased efficiencies that save time and money; keeping your rates low. They will start replacing meters in 2019.

## ORDINANCE NO. 1257 AMENDING THE 2017 BUDGET INCLUDING THE SALARY SCHEDULE TO ACCOUNT FOR THE INCREASE IN THE STATE MINIMUM WAGE

MOVED by Councilor Fletcher and seconded by Councilor Moore to adopt Ordinance No. 1257 amending the 2017 Budget. Motion carried.

#### PROGRESS REPORTS

Clerk-Treasurer Kay Jones reported that she's been working with FCS Group on the water and wastewater rate study. The study is coming together quickly, but there are still some final pieces of information needed before the study is finalized and ready to present to the City Council.

Mayor Gomes reported that the telemetry system for the 4 sewer lift stations is almost finished, which completed the last phase of our telemetry system. The City now has all of the components of the water system, plant, wells and reservoirs, on telemetry. In the sewer system we have the plant and all 4 lift stations on telemetry. With telemetry the City can monitor all the components in both water and wastewater from a laptop computer.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Gomes adjourned the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

Jeff Gomes, Mayor

Attest:

Kay Jones City Clerk-Treasurer