

MINUTES OF THE CASHMERE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2017 AT CASHMERE CITY HALL

OPENING

Mayor Pro Tem Jim Fletcher 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> |
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| Mayor: | Skip Moore Jim Fletcher – Pro Tem Dave Erickson Kameon Smith Derrick Pratt | Jeff Gomes |
| Staff: | Kay Jones, Clerk-Treasurer | Mark Botello, Director Chuck Zimmerman, City Attorney |

FLAG SALUTE

EXCUSED ABSENCES

MOVED by Councilor Pratt and seconded by Councilor Erickson to excuse the absence of Mayor Gomes. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

Councilor Fletcher reported on the Regionalization Study group meeting. The study is in the very early stages and the first meeting was focused on how regionalization of water and wastewater might look. Basically, the two extremes are that the entities involved might be able to contract with each other for different services, or a new government agency could be created to oversee the regional services. The idea is that by regionalizing, the rates for service would be spread out among a larger population base, therefore lowering rates for everyone.

In addition, there are only so many water rights available for use, and if regionalization was to occur it could increase density in the rural areas of the county, which would cause more demand but would also help pay for the infrastructure. One question is who would make the decisions about where the additional density could occur. And, by extending the sewer system to rural areas, are we creating more density than the available water rights can sustain.

Councilor Moore reported to council the occurrences leading up to the Airport Board receiving a sewer bill for the past 6 years. Clerk-Treasurer Jones discovered the Airport has never paid for sewer during a recent utility audit. The board was under the assumption that the sewer was free, according to an agreement between the City and the board when the easement was granted to the City for Well #4. In fact, the agreement only gives the airport 7,500 gallons of water per month and does not mention sewer at all. Clerk-Treasurer Jones briefly went over the timeline of occurrences which covered 20 to 30 years. Jones will include the correspondence and timeline in a future council packet.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Larry Bruehl spoke to council again regarding building inspections in Cashmere and his belief that the building inspector is not doing his job correctly.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Tom Green cancelled Item No. 1 Presentation on the second phase of the 9/11 Memorial.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of July 24, 2017 Regular Council Meeting

August 14, 2017 Regular Council Meeting was cancelled

Payroll and Claims Packet Dated August 14, 2017

Claims Check #38168 and #38173 through #38219 totaling \$72,621.20

Payroll Check #38140 through #38167 totaling \$16,571.52

Manual Check #38169 through #38172

Payroll and Claims Packet Dated August 28, 2017

Claims Check EFT 07/2017, Direct Pay 8/25 and #38225 through #38249 totaling \$52,739.99

Manual Check #38220, 38221, 38222, 38224

Replacement Check #38223 – to replace #38214

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

REVISIT THE APPROVED 2% INCREASE IN JAIL FEES, WHICH IS ACTUALLY A 2.35% INCREASE

The City Council approved a 2% increase in the cost to house inmates at the regional jail. The new per day rate after the increase is \$87.00, which is actually a 2.35% increase.


MOVED by Councilor Pratt and seconded by Councilor Smith to approve the increase in the jail fees to the \$87.00 per day rate. Motion carried.

PROGRESS REPORTS

No reports given.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Fletcher adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.



Jim Fletcher, Mayor Pro Tem

Attest:



Kay Jones, City Clerk-Treasurer