

MINUTES OF THE CASHMERE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2017 AT CASHMERE CITY HALL

OPENING

Mayor Jeff 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, Director	Chuck Zimmerman, City Attorney

FLAG SALUTE

EXCUSED ABSENCES

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

Clerk-Treasurer Kay Jones reported that she received an answer from Waste Management regarding utility tax and a check for almost \$26,000 was received.

She also informed the council that the WCIA training for Council had been rescheduled for November 20th at 5:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No public comment.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of October 9, 2017 Regular Council Meeting
Payroll and Claims Packet Dated October 23, 2017

Claims Direct Pay and Check and #38409 through #38433 totaling \$179,595.40

Manual Check #38401 through #38407

Check #38408 to replace lost check #38334

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

PUBLIC HEARING ON AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 17 ZONING CODE AND TITLE 16 SUBDIVISIONS AND PLATS

Mayor Gomes opened the Public Hearing at 6:04 p.m. to receive public comment on the proposed amendments to Title 17 Zoning and Title 16 Subdivisions. Director Botello explained the amendments in both titles, most of which were simply housekeeping.

With no questions or comments from the public the hearing was closed at 6:33 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING ON CITY OF CASHMERE REVENUE SOURCES AND POSSIBLE INCREASE IN PROPERTY TAXES

Mayor Gomes opened the Public Hearing at 6:34 p.m. to receive public comment on the revenue sources and possible increase in property tax. Clerk-Treasurer Kay Jones explained that most of the revenues are status quo and the only new revenue source is the state-shared marijuana tax, which is insignificant to the budget. The estimated revenues presented showed the property tax with the 1% increase. The revenue estimate for Sales and Use Tax and the REET Tax were estimated higher for 2018 and the water and wastewater revenues included the rate increases as of January 1st.

The 1% increase in property tax over the previous year's levy is \$6,032.73, additional tax revenue is from new construction. The Agreement for Law Enforcement services increases \$12,025.00 in 2018. Staff's recommendation was to take the 1% increase to help offset the increase in service agreements.

Mayor Gomes informed the Council that he included an increase in estimated expenditures in the salaries for the Clerk-Treasurer and the Director of Building/Planning to bring them up to where they should be according to the AWC salary survey. Other employee wages and benefits include the increase according to the Union contract. We are still waiting to hear from RiverCom and the Jail for 2018 amounts.

With no questions or comments from the public the hearing was closed at 6:54 p.m.

ORDINANCE NO. 1261 PROPERTY TAX LEVY

The proposed ordinance to levy the 1% increase in property tax is an increase of \$6032.73 over the levy from the previous year and with the new construction revenue the total levy amount for 2018 is \$614,413.90.

MOVED by Councilor Fletcher and seconded by Councilor Smith to adopt Ordinance No. 1261 authorizing the property tax levy and taking the allowed 1% increase. Motion carried with four voting in favor and Councilor Moore voting no.

APPROVAL OF THE COMPLETION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE RANK ROAD PROJECT

Staff reported that the Rank Road/Kennedy Road project is completed and recommended council accept the project authorizing payment to Central Washington Asphalt, which includes change orders 1 and 2 for a total of \$108,349.

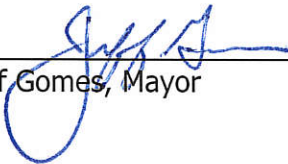
MOVED by Councilor Fletcher and seconded by Councilor Erickson to accept the Rank Road/Kennedy Road project and authorizing payment. Motion carried.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Councilor Fletcher reported that Link Transit will be holding special meetings to discuss putting an increase in sales tax on the ballot this spring. Link is proposing a tenth of a percent to go to Link Transit to be used for expanding services.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Gomes adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m.



Jeff Gomes, Mayor

Attest:


Kay Jones, City Clerk-Treasurer