

MINUTES OF THE CASHMERE CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2018 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 Daniel Scott 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

Mayor Gomes introduced Brock Laughlin from Blades Code Services. The City recently entered into a contract with Blades Code Services for building inspection services on an as-needed basis.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No public comments.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Gomes announced the addition of an executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss potential litigation.

MOVED by Councilor Fletcher and seconded by Councilor Pratt to approve the agenda with the addition of the executive session. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of January 22, 2018 Regular Council Meeting

Payroll and Claims Packet Dated December 31, 2017

Claims Direct Pay and Checks #38609 through #38635 totaling \$57,047.12

Payroll and Claims Packet Dated January 22, 2018

Claims Direct Pay and Checks #38636 through #38669 totaling \$90,141.11

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

CHELAN COUNTY PUD – PRESENTATION ON ELECTRICAL LOAD GROWTH

Andy Wendell, Director of Public Services for the Chelan County PUD was present to discuss electrical load growth. The popularity of cryptocurrency mining is increasing in Chelan County. The energy use for cryptocurrency mining ranges from 5KW to 100 MW's. These High Density

Load (HDL) inquiries are increasing. Most of the inquiries for HDL are from out of the county and out of state. Unapproved HDL load does exist in the system and is becoming an increasing area of concern. Unapproved HDL loads are a safety issue and a challenge when it comes to planning. Mixed use mining can present safety and reliability issues if the electrical supply equipment is undersized for the power demand.

The PUD is looking to the City to partner with them to develop policies and regulations to address homes using unauthorized HDL loads.

GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN TIB AND CITY FOR LED STREETLIGHT CONVERSION

The City has been awarded a \$328,053 grant from the Relight Washington Grant Program through the Transportation Improvement Board (TIB). The grant will cover the cost to retro fit Cashmere's streetlights to LED, no matching funds are required. The City is part of a countywide program to retro fit street lights to LED. The program will benefit both the PUD and the entities involved.

MOVED by Councilor Erickson and seconded by Councilor Smith to approve the grant agreement and authorize the Mayor to sign. Motion carried.

302 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT

MOVED by Councilor Fletcher and seconded by Councilor Erickson to approve a budget amendment for \$70,000 to clean and install a liner in the concrete storm pipe running under the railroad. Motion carried.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Director Botello reported that he and the Mayor met with the Port District to review the final design plans for the Port property on Sunset Highway.

Mayor Gomes informed the council that Jaegers Towing Company approached him on the possibility of renting the old recycling building and property on River Street. The Mayor is looking into the cost per square foot for renting commercial property.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – To Discuss Potential Litigation

At 7:17 p.m. Mayor Gomes closed the regular session to enter into an executive session to discuss potential litigation for approximately 15 minutes. No action will be taken when back in regular session. Clerk-Treasurer Kay Jones and Director Mark Botello were excused.

The executive session was extended for an additional 15 minutes. There was no public to inform. The regular session was reconvened at 7:50 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Gomes adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

  
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Jeff Gomes, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Kay Jones, Clerk-Treasurer