

MINUTES OF THE CASHMERE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 27, 2018 AT CASHMERE CITY HALL

OPENING

Mayor Jim Fletcher opened the regular City Council meeting at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. Administrative Assistant, Tammy Miller took minutes.

ATTENDANCE

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Mayor:	Jim Fletcher	
Council:	Daniel Scott Chris Carlson Dave Erickson Kameon Smith Derrick Pratt	
Staff:		Kay Jones, Clerk-Treasurer Chuck Zimmerman, City Attorney Tammy Miller, Administrative Assistant

FLAG SALUTE

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

The Port of Chelan County is holding a ground breaking ceremony at the Mill Site on September 5th, 3:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - For Items Not on the Agenda

No public comments.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED by Councilor Scott seconded by Councilor Carlson to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion carried 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of August 13, 2018 Regular Council Meeting
Claims Packet Dated August 27, 2018

Claims Direct Pay and Checks #39134 through #39153 totaling \$199,067.43
Manual Check #39129, and #39133 refunds not needing prior approval

MOVED by Councilor Scott and seconded by Councilor Smith to approve the items on the consent agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

REQUEST FROM WASTE MANAGEMENT (WM) FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY RECYCLING RATE INCREASE

Pursuant to Section 2.7.2 of the contract with Waste Management for solid waste services, WM is seeking an extraordinary rate increase to recover the increased costs of recycling. Tami Yager and Curt Razen from WM were present to distribute educational pamphlets and discuss the causes for the rate increase request as well as implementing a contamination service charge and protocols, changes to the acceptable recyclables list and changes to the contract language

on recycling. These requests are based on "Operation Blue Sky", recycling market changes implemented by the Chinese Government in 2018. The council was able to ask questions and after a healthy discussion between both parties, WM will bring back options for the City Council to consider.

EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK – UPDATED TO INCLUDE NEW STATE LAWS AND REQUIREMENTS

MOVED by Councilor Erickson and seconded by Councilor Scott to have Chuck Zimmerman draft a resolution adopting the revised Employee Handbook. Motion carried 5-0.

DECLARE CITY PROPERTY SURPLUS

MOVED by Councilor Pratt and seconded by Councilor Scott to surplus 14 wastewater aerators. Motion carried 5-0.

INFLATABLE PLAY EQUIPMENT IN CITY PARKS

The City has received several inquiries regarding bounce houses in the City parks. The City codes do not address whether inflatables or bounce houses are allowed or prohibited.

Councilor Erickson shared issues with the Wenatchee parks involving bounce houses and also commented that the PUD doesn't allow them in any of their parks as well.

MOVED by Councilor Scott and seconded by Councilor Carlson to direct Chuck Zimmerman to draft an ordinance addressing bounce houses in City Parks. Inflatables and bounce houses will be allowed on City property with a Special Event Permit only. Motion carried with 3 voting in favor and Councilors Pratt and Smith voting no.

LAGOON CLEANUP

Mayor reported that the lagoon cleanup had started and with only half of Cell #3 emptied, (494 tons), the cost was \$27,000; which would put the total for Cell #3 at \$54,000 and Cell #1 at \$122,000. The Mayor made the call to stop any further removal until further Council input could be had.

The Council would like to research the probability of assistance from the Department of Ecology in the form of grants before going any further.

Tami Yager said she would investigate the chance of the City getting a better rate from Waste Management as well.

BUILDING INSPECTOR SERVICES EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

The City had an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Leavenworth to provide interim Building Inspector services. The City of Leavenworth notified the Mayor that due to the increase in their building permits, they were terminating the Interlocal Agreement at the end of August.

The Mayor meet with Frank Spaun to discuss providing Building Inspection Services for Cashmere on a part-time basis.

MOVED by Councilor Scott and seconded by Councilor Smith to allow the Mayor to sign Employment Agreement for Frank Spaun. Motion carried with four voting in favor and Councilor Erickson voting no.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Mayor Fletcher reported that the Director of Operations job had been accepted by Steve Croci. Steve will be in and out during the month of September and expected to be in the office full time starting October 1st.

On Friday, August 21st, the Mayor had received a call that the Lagoons were on fire. Spontaneous combustion created by the piling of the bio-solids was the cause; the fire was managed by spreading out the piles of bio-solids.

Mayor Fletcher had a visit from the Cashmere Food Bank requesting help in relocating the Food Bank. The old recycling building was discussed as a possible solution.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fletcher adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.


James Fletcher, Mayor

Attest:


Tammy Miller, Administrative Assistant