

MINUTES OF THE CASHMERE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY OCTOBER 22, 2018 AT CASHMERE CITY HALL

OPENING

Mayor 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>
Mayor:	Jim Fletcher	
Council:	Daniel Scott Chris Carlson Dave Erickson Kameon Smith Derrick Pratt	
Staff:	Kay Jones, Clerk-Treasurer Steve Croci, Director of Operations	Chuck Zimmerman, City Attorney

FLAG SALUTE

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

Mayor Fletcher introduced Karen Jackson, President of the Local Rotary Club. In 1985 the Rotary launched PolioPlus and spearheaded the global Polio Eradication initiative, which today includes other organizations, to immunize the children of the world against polio.

On behalf of the Rotary Club, Mayor Fletcher proclaimed October 24, 2018 as World Polio Day in Cashmere.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - For Items Not on the Agenda

No public comments.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Fletcher added the following item to the agenda; Item No. 5 Replacement of HVAC systems at City Hall.

MOVED by Councilor Erickson seconded by Councilor Smith to approve the agenda with the addition of Item No. 5 replacement of HVAC systems at City Hall. Motion carried 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of October 8, 2018 Regular Council Meeting

Claims Packet Dated October 22, 2018

Claims Direct Pay and Checks #39257 through #39279 totaling \$59,748.34

Manual Checks #39255 through #39256, not needing prior approval

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

PUBLIC HEARING ON REVENUE SOURCES AND POSSIBLE INCREASE IN PROPERTY TAXES

Mayor Fletcher explained that each year staff estimates revenues for the upcoming budget. The policy set by Council states that the operating expenditures cannot exceed estimated revenues. Property Taxes are the only tax the City has some control over and is authorized to levy a 1% increase annually. Based on the CPI indexes most costs for public works services have increased by 3% during 2018. The Law Enforcement Contract for the City of Cashmere is increasing \$16,000 in 2019. The estimated increase in revenues will not keep pace with the costs of providing public works services.

Mayor Fletcher opened the Public Hearing at 6:12 p.m. to receive comments from the public. Receiving no comments or questions from the public the Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 6:14 p.m.

ORDINANCE NO. 1270 AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL PROPERTY TAX LEVY

Each year the City is allowed an increase in property tax revenues by up to 1% over the prior year, plus any new construction. If levied the 1% increase over the prior year is \$6,194. If the increase is not levied the amount will be banked for the following year.

MOVED by Councilor Erickson and seconded by Councilor Smith to adopt Ordinance No. 1270 authorizing the 1% increase in the General Property Tax Levy. Motion failed with 2 voting in favor and Councilors Scott, Carlson and Pratt voting no.

MOVED by Councilor Carlson and seconded by Councilor Pratt to adopt Ordinance No. 1270 authorizing the General Tax Levy with a 0% increase. Motion carried with 4 voting in favor and Councilor Erickson voting no.

PROSECUTION SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR 2019

The 2019 Agreement includes a rate increase from \$225 to \$250 per case. The annual amount is down from 2018 due to the decrease in cases.

MOVED by Councilor Pratt and seconded by Councilor Carlson to approve the Prosecution Service Agreement for 2019. Motion carried 5-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 06-2018 AMENDING WASTEWATER RATES SCHEDULE 3-WW LANGUAGE

MOVED by Councilor Scott and seconded by Councilor Carlson to approve Resolution No. 06-2018 Amending Wastewater Rates Schedule 3-WW language. Motion carried 5-0.

REPLACEMENT OF HVAC SYSTEMS AT CITY HALL

MOVED by Councilor Carlson and seconded by Councilor Smith to approve the proposal submitted by Central Washington Heating & Air for the replacement of the HVAC Systems at City Hall. Motion carried 5-0.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Councilor Scott report on the progress of the Countywide LED streetlight project.

Mayor Fletcher reported on the work the consultants are doing and he is working on defining staff work and consultant work.

Director Croci updated the Council on the operations for the departments and the meetings he has attended.

Councilor Smith asked that the trees along the levee be looked at before we lose all of them.

Councilor Pratt reported that the Airport Board is still working on flight patterns and trees are being removed at the High School that are too high and interfere in the flight patterns.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fletcher adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.



James Fletcher, Mayor

Attest:



Kay Jones, Clerk-Treasurer