MINUTES OF THE CASHMERE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY NOVEMBER 26, 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>

Not Present

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 informed the City Council of the 2019 Quality Communities Scholarship program through the Association of Washington Cities (AWC). In 2019 the program will offer six \$1,000 Quality Communities Scholarships to outstanding high school seniors. The Mayor will work with the high school to select and nominate one young leader who plans to attend college or a trade school in fall of 2019.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - For Items Not on the Agenda

No public comments.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of November 13, 2018 Regular Council Meeting

Claims Packet Dated November 26, 2018

Claims Direct Pay and Checks #39315 through #39332 totaling \$79,074,71

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

PUBLIC HEARING ON CASHMERE'S FINAL 2019 BUDGET

Mayor Fletcher opened the Public Hearing at 6:03 p.m. to receive questions or comments from the public. Receiving no comments, the Mayor closed the hearing at 6:04 p.m.

<u>CURT SOPER – UPDATE ON THE CHELAN DOUGLAS LAND TRUST CASHMERE CANYONS PROJECT</u>

Curt Soper updated the City Council on the Cashmere Canyons Project. The City of Cashmere and the County provided a letter of support for the project to apply for funding from the State. The Cashmere

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Canyons Project ranked #5 in the State for funding. They are waiting for final action from the Legislators regarding budget and grant funding. The trailhead has been designed and if funded the project will begin July or August of 2019.

ORDINANCE NO. 1272 AMENDING THE 2018 BUDGET

According to budget policy the operating funds of the city will maintain reserves (ending balance) at no less than 60 days operating expenses and the reserves shall not be used for operating expenditures. Reserves exceeding the 60-day minimums established may be used for capital purchases and emergencies authorized by the City Council.

The proposed budget amendment is transferring the excess reserves into the Capital Improvement Fund to be used for capital purchases approved during the budget process.

Councilor Scott suggested that the City Council develop budgeting policies for the three Capital Funds.

MOVED by Councilor Carlson and seconded by Councilor Smith to adopt Ordinance No. 1272 amending the 2018 Budget transferring excess reserves into the Capital Improvement Fund. Motion carried 5-0.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Mayor Fletcher is looking to set a date for a Community Workshop sometime in late January. The consensus of the City Council was to have the workshop on a council night. The Community Workshop will be held at Riverside Center on January 28th at 6:00 p.m.

The Mayor reported that Union Negotiations are continuing, with the goal of presenting a contract at the next Council Meeting. He informed the Council that he is looking into leadership training programs, and there's still a vacancy on the Planning Commission. Also, Jaeger's Towing is still interested in leasing the Recycling Building and the Food Bank is looking for a permanent home and has inquired as to whether there is any City property available.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fletcher adjourned the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

James Fletcher, Mayor

Attest:

Kay Jones, Clerk-Treasurer