MINUTES OF THE CASHMERE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY MARCH 25, 2019 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

Present

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

Donna Smith from the Department of Ecology Water Quality Program presented an award for outstanding performance of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The award is received when a wastewater plan has been in compliance for the entire year. This is the sixth year the City has received the Outstanding Performance Award for the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

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 presented. Motion carried 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of March 11, 2019 Regular Council Meeting

Claims Packet Dated March 25, 2019

Claims Direct Pay and Checks #39568 through #39585 totaling \$60,935.18 Manual Check #39567 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 LAND USE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

Mayor Fletcher opened the public hearing at 6:08 p.m. to receive comments on the Land Use Comprehensive Plan update.

With no comments from the public the public hearing was closed at 6:09 p.m.

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RESOLUTION NO. 03-2019 DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO THE CONTIDION OF SHERMAN RESERVOIR

The City discovered that the Sherman Reservoir roof collapsed due to the significant snow load experienced this winter. The collapsed roof could lead to a threat to the public health if not assessed and repaired as soon as possible. Due to the collapsed roof, an emergency exists, and funds need to be expended by the City to assess and repair immediately and without completing the normal competitive bidding process. The resolution is in the best interest of the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City.

MOVED by Councilor Pratt and seconded by Councilor Smith to adopt Resolution No. 03-2019 declaring a state of emergency regarding Sherman Reservoir. Motion carried 5-0.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Mayor Fletcher and Director Croci met with Department of Transportation (DOT) to discuss the landscaping lease at the entrance to Cashmere and dredging the gravel bar in the river. The DOT will give the City a permit, at no cost, to maintain the landscape at the city's entrance. The State is monitoring the gravel bar in the river and when it reaches a certain height they will dredge.

The Mayor and Director Croci have met with the Tree Committee and April 26th is the Arbor Day tree planting in Cashmere.

The Mayor stated that he is drafting a formal summary of the topics discussed at the Community Workshop and will get it out to the public to keep them informed and to close the loop.

The Clerk-Treasurer and office staff has had the first meeting which has started the process in updating the website.

The floors at Riverside Center are being refinished in the month of April, which renders the Center unusable during the process. The Lessee asked the City to consider working with her on a reduction in rent due to the lack in availability. The consensus of the Council was to authorize the Mayor to reduce the rent for April.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – To Discuss Potential and Pending Litigation

Mayor Fletcher closed the regular session at 6:45 p.m. to enter an executive session to discuss potential and pending litigation for approximately 30 minutes. No action will be taken after the executive session.

Regular session was reconvened at 7:12 p.m.

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

Mayor Fletcher adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

James Fletcher, Mayor

Attest:

Kay Jones, Clerk-Treasurer