

MINUTES OF THE CASHMERE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2011 AT CASHMERE CITY HALL

OPENING

Mayor Gordon Irle opened the regular city council meeting at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. Clerk-Treasurer Kay Jones took minutes.

ATTENDANCE

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Mayor:	Gordon Irle	
Council:	Skip Moore Jim Fletcher Donna Wynne Debbie Knutsen Jeff Gomes	
Staff:	Bob Schmidt, Dir. of Operations Kay Jones, City Clerk-Treasurer Mark Botello, Dir. of Planning/Building	

FLAG SALUTE

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED by Councilor Fletcher and seconded by Councilor Wynne to approve the agenda with the addition of #8 Special Use Permit for a beer garden at Brian's Pizza and an Executive Session to discuss potential litigation. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of March 14, 2011 Regular Study Session Meeting
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Payroll and Claims Packet Dated March 28, 2011
Claims Check Nos. 30660 through 30681 and EFT 02/2011 totaling \$103,531.08

MOVED by Councilor Knutsen and seconded by Councilor Gomes to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

UPDATE FROM WAYSIDE HORN DEMONSTRATION AT 6:00 P.M.

Mayor Irle asked Robert Albritton from Quiet Zone Technologies to give a brief update on the demonstration that took place at 6:00 p.m. for the public that was present now but not at the demonstration. Mr. Albritton stated that he was contacted by the city to investigate a Wayside Horn Quiet Zone. Mr. Albritton set up a wayside horn at the Maple Street crossing to demonstrate the difference between the wayside horn and the train horn; not only in sound but also how far the sound travels. The impacts to residents are greatly minimized. Mr. Albritton will return in a few weeks with an estimate of the cost to implement the wayside horn quiet zone.

PUBLIC HEARING ON VACATING A PORTION OF MAPLE STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY

Mayor Irle opened the public hearing at 7:07 p.m. Director of Planning/Building Mark Botello explained that the City received a request petition from Jay and Rena Byers to vacate a portion of Maple Street right-of-way at the east end of their building and in exchange the Byers will dedicate property along the front of their building on Mission Avenue to the City for construction of a sidewalk and to plant trees. Currently the Byers Building is encroaching 5 feet into the Maple Street right-of-way; the proposed vacation will clear up the title. The proposal is to vacate 690 square feet of Maple Street right-of-way to the Byers in exchange for the Byers dedicating 2,475 square feet along Mission Avenue to the City.

With no questions or comments from the public the Mayor closed the hearing at 7:10 p.m.

ERIK HOWE – DISCUSSION ON MISSION STREET DESIGN

City Engineer Erik Howe presented an Option B for the design of the Mission Avenue project to address concern for the loss of parking spaces in the first design plan. Option A has sidewalk, curb and gutter on the business side of Mission Street and curb and gutter on the railroad side. Both sides would be parallel parking, which would eliminate approximately 25 parking spaces. Option B has sidewalk, curb and gutter on the business side of Mission Avenue with parallel parking and on the railroad side the curbing is changed to a rolled curbing so vehicles can continue to park perpendicular, which will allow for more parking spaces. With Option B the cars would still be parking half in the dirt on railroad property.

Option A with the parallel parking keeps all the vehicles on city right-of-way and the regular curb and gutter will keep the dirt and rocks off the roadway. The consensus was that the sidewalk was a priority on the business side of the street not only for beautification and safety but also because the business owners were in favor of the sidewalk. The controversy was the railroad side of Mission Avenue; whether it was more important to clean up the edge of the road and keep the vehicles on the city's right-of-way or allow the rolled curbing so vehicles can drive up over the curbing and park on railroad right-of-way.

The consensus was that that city should design a project with the parking on city right-of-way and not change the design to allow for more parking by encouraging parking on railroad property.

With a show of hands the consensus of the council was in favor of Option A; with four in favor and Councilor Knutsen against. The Council directed Engineer Erik Howe from RH2 Engineering to design Mission Avenue according to Option A; with parallel parking on both sides of the street as per the contract.

ORDINANCE 1183 AMENDING ORDINANCES 1163, 1165, 1172, AND 1176

An ordinance amending certain sections of the Cashmere Municipal Code as adopted by ordinances 1163, 1165, 1172 and 1176 to implement the codifier's suggested code revisions identified during the codification process.

MOVED by Councilor Fletcher and seconded by Councilor Knutsen to adopt Ordinance No. 1183 implementing codifier's suggested code revisions. Motion carried.

SELECT CONTRACTOR FOR CASHMERE LIBRARY REPAIR

Director of Planning/Building Mark Botello informed the City Council that he received only one bid using the Small Works Roster for the repairs at the Cashmere Library for \$23,600. The bid includes a deposit of \$11,000 to start the project. Director Botello's recommendation is to select Mason Roofing to reroof the library and perform other minor library repairs.

MOVED by Councilor Gomes and seconded by Councilor Moore to select Mason Roofing as the contractor for the library repairs and authorize the deposit of \$11,000. Motion carried.

SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION – BEER GARDEN AT BRIAN'S PIZZA FOR FOUNDER'S DAY WEEKEND

MOVED by Councilor Gomes and seconded by Councilor Knutsen to approve the Special Use Permit for a beer garden at Brian's Pizza for Founder's Day weekend. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – To Discuss Potential Litigation

Mayor Irle closed the regular meeting to enter into an executive session at 8:07 p.m. to discuss potential litigation for approximately 20 minutes. No action will be taken when the regular session is reconvened. Attorney Hugh Spitzer will be joining the executive session by phone.

Regular session was reconvened at 8:31 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councilor Moore and seconded by Councilor Wynne to adjourn. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Gordon Irle, Mayor

Attest:

Kay Jones, Clerk-Treasurer