

MINUTES OF THE CASHMERE CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
THURSDAY MAY 16, 2019 AT CASHMERE CITY HALL

OPENING

Mayor Jim Fletcher opened the regular City Council meeting at 5:01 p.m. at City Hall. City Clerk-Treasurer Kay Jones took minutes.

ATTENDANCE

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Mayor:	Jim Fletcher	
Council:	Daniel Scott Chris Carlson Dave Erickson  Derrick Pratt	Kameon Smith
Staff:	Kay Jones, Clerk-Treasurer	Steve Croci, Director of Operations Chuck Zimmerman, City Attorney

EXCUSED ABSENCES

MOVED by Councilor Pratt and seconded by Councilor Scott to excuse the absence of Councilor Smith. Motion carried 4-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor announced that due to Memorial Day the next council meeting is Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>.

RESOLUTION NO. 04-2019 DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN CITY STREET LIGHTS

Mayor Fletcher stated that there are ten Cashmere neighborhoods that have been dark for several weeks. The City hired Schmitt Electric to assess these areas and identify the problems and potential repairs needed. Inspections of these seventeen circuits are revealing a variety of causes such as wiring that is damaged, splices in wires that are corroding, and old wires that were not properly disconnected.

The total number of ground fault problems are undetermined; as ground faults in a wiring circuit are repaired it may reveal another ground fault exists farther down the line. Due to the complexity of the work and depending on the specifics of each ground fault the agreement with Schmitt Electric to repair the issues will be time and materials. The City Public Works crew will provide support to dig suspected locations and then rebury once the work is approved by the electrical inspector.

A budget amendment will be necessary for this emergency. At this time the total cost to restore street lights cannot be determined; as repair work starts and examples of repair costs are known then better estimates can be calculated. Funds needed for the amendment will be from the Capital Improvement Fund.

Some work will require Chelan PUD's involvement due to the nature of the problem, they are aware of the situation and are ready and willing to help. The Transportation Improvement Board (TIB), the agency that funded the LED Street Light Replacement project, stated they will be able to fund approximately \$20,000 for the repairs.

MOVED by Councilor Erickson and seconded by Councilor Pratt to approve Resolution No. 04-2019 declaring a State of Emergency with respect to certain City street lights and pursue funding from Chelan County PUD and TIB. Motion carried with 3 voting in favor and Councilor Scott voting no.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fletcher adjourned the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

  
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James Fletcher, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Kay Jones, Clerk-Treasurer