

MINUTES OF THE CASHMERE CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY OCTOBER 28, 2019 AT CASHMERE CITY HALL

OPENING

Mayor Jim Fletcher opened the regular City Council meeting at 6:00 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 Kameon Smith Derrick Pratt	
Staff:	Kay Jones, Clerk-Treasurer Steve Croci, Director of Operations Chuck Zimmerman, City Attorney	

FLAG SALUTE

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

No announcements.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - For Items Not on the Agenda

Michael Martin residing at 101 Tanager Lane addressed the City Council asking them to evaluate the City's sewer rate. Mayor Fletcher gave a brief explanation of why the City's rate was where it was and how we have arrived there.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Fletcher added the following item to the agenda; Ordinance No. 1279 adopting a moratorium on building permits for residential use of property in the Downtown Business District.

MOVED by Counselor Scott and seconded by Councilor Smith to approve the agenda with the addition of Ordinance No. 1279 as Item #1. Motion carried 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of September 23, 2019 Regular Council Meeting  
Payroll and Claims Packet dated October 14, 2019

Claims Direct Pay and Check #40050 through #40066 totaling \$201,610.58

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1280 ADOPTING A MORATORIUM ON BUILDING PERMITS FOR RESIDENTIAL USE OF PROPERTY IN THE DOWNTOWN BUSINESS DISTRICT

City Staff has received inquires concerning potential residential development of certain properties located within the DB-Downtown Business Zoning District. In reviewing the development standards related to the Downtown Business Zoning District, staff has determined that the code is not clear, there is potential for different code interpretations other than those anticipated by the City when the provisions were enacted. The Mayor and City Staff recommend that the language in Chapter 17.30 of the Cashmere Municipal Code and other zoning provisions relating to the DB-Downtown Business Zoning District be referred to the City Planning Commission for immediate review and revision in order to clarify the City's regulations that govern development of properties in the DB-Downtown Business Zoning District.

The proposed ordinance places an immediate moratorium on filing and acceptance of building permits for residential use of property in the DB-Downtown Business Zoning District. Placing an immediate moratorium will enable a comprehensive review of the applicable codes and enactment of new regulations that clarify the intent of the City with respect to development within the DB-Downtown Business Zoning District. The ordinance addresses preliminary findings, sets a public hearing date and the effective date of the moratorium.

MOVED by Councilor Scott and seconded by Councilor Carlson to adopt Ordinance No. 1280 adopting a moratorium on building permits for residential use of property in the Downtown Business District. Motion carried with 3 voting in favor, Councilor Pratt voting no and Councilor Smith abstaining.

PUBLIC HEARING ON REVENUE SOURCES AND POSSIBLE INCREASE IN PROPERTY TAX

Mayor Fletcher opened the Public Hearing at 6:40 p.m. to receive public comment on the possible increase in property taxes. The Mayor gave a presentation showing property tax valuation for Cashmere, levy amounts and the increase in new construction for the past few years. He explained the levy rate per \$1000 valuation and showed the dollar amount it would increase or decrease each tax payer.

Mayor Fletcher closed the hearing at 6:50 p.m.

The City Council was provided reports of revenue sources and year to date totals. Mayor Fletcher explained that even with taking the 1% increase allowed each year the City is still behind the increase in expenditures for 2020. The levy increase for 2 years would be around \$12,000, which would include last year's 1% increase that the City didn't take. The increase in the Sheriff's contract and the Jail contract amount to over \$22,000.

GOAL SETTING FOR 2020

The City Council discussed goals and projects they wanted to focus on in 2020, which included;

Angier Bridge	Rank Road Plan
Lagoon Plan	City Pool Leak
Streetlights	Fire Station/South of RR
Sidewalk Repair	Zoning
Development Standards	Chickens

REGIONAL JUSTICE CENTER 2020 DAILY BED RATE

The City received a letter from the Director of the Chelan County Regional Justice Center informing the City that the daily bed rate will be \$120.50 beginning on January 1, 2020. This rate was determined after a comprehensive analysis was completed to determine the operating costs of maintaining a safe and secure jail facility. The rate applies to all contracted users of the jail.

ORDINANCE NO. 1279 GENERAL PROPERTY TAX LEVY

MOVED by Councilor Smith and seconded by Councilor Pratt to adopt Ordinance No. 1279 taking the full amount allowed up to a 2% increase, which includes this year's 1% and the 1% from the previous year. Motion carried with 4 voting in favor and Councilor Scott voting no.

DISCUSSION ON EXTENDING THE DOWNTOWN 15 MPH SPEED LIMIT TO INCLUDE APLETS WAY

Mayor Fletcher proposed extending the downtown 15 mph speed limit to Aplets Way to slow the cars down before the roundabout. The consensus of the Council was that if people don't adhere to the speed limit now, they aren't going to when its reduced. The consensus of the council was that the current speed limit needs to be enforced.

DISCUSSION ON ELIMINATING THE SNOWBIRD POLICY REGARDING UTILITIES

The City has had an unwritten Snowbird policy, which allows snowbirds to have their water shut off when they leave for the winter season. There has been no charge for the turn off/on and there are no charges for water or sewer for the duration the water is off.

The consensus of the City Council was to eliminate this policy. Staff was directed to establish a rate for the turn off/on and language will be added to the rate resolution stating that the base fees will continue to be charged for both water and wastewater even if the water is off.

PROGRESS REPORTS

- New Website
- Sherman Reservoir Update
- Video on Lagoons

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fletcher adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

  
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James Fletcher, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Kay Jones, City Clerk-Treasurer