

MINUTES OF THE CASHMERE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY JANUARY 27, 2020 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

Present

Not Present

Mayor: Jim Fletcher

Council: Daniel Scott
Chris Carlson
Dave Erickson
Jayne Stephenson
Derrick Pratt

Staff: Kay Jones, City Clerk-Treasurer
Steve Croci, Director of Operations

Chuck Zimmerman, City Attorney

FLAG SALUTE

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

Councilor Erickson reported that he attended the first trail meeting. The following entities and organizations are at the table working together to develop a Comprehensive Trails Plan for Chelan County; Cities of Wenatchee and Cashmere, Chelan County, Transportation Council, Land Trust, Forest Service and the Wenatchee Valley Tread. The purpose is to inventory all the trails in the county, motorized trails, non-motorized trails and the various types and uses. Dave Erickson represents both Wenatchee and Cashmere at the trail meetings.

Councilor Scott reported that the Goodwin Bridge project bid opening is February 4th. Due to the Bridge project, Chelan County PUD will be working on relocating powerlines. Information on the project and location of the powerlines being relocated will be available at City Hall.

The PUD has asked to use the Mulching Center as a staging area for the project. An agreement will be presented to Council at a later meeting for approval.

Mayor Fletcher will be traveling to Olympia in the morning to meet and speak with the Legislators on City matters.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - For Items Not on the Agenda

No comments from the public.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED by Councilor Carlson and seconded by Councilor Erickson to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion carried 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of January 13, 2020 Regular Council Meeting

Payroll and Claims Packet dated December 31, 2019 Year End Closure

Claims Direct Pay and Check #40218 through #40245 totaling \$166,765.04

Payroll and Claims Packet dated January 27, 2020

Claims Direct Pay and Check #40246 through #40279 totaling \$286,288.68

Affirm Mayor's appointment of Paul Nelson to the Planning Commission

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1287 REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 1286 DESIGNATING THE WENATCHEE WORLD AS THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF THE CITY

Bill Forhan, owner of the Cashmere Valley Record, spoke to the Council on the trickle-down affect it would have on his business if the City changed their official newspaper to the Wenatchee World. It wasn't about losing the City's account, it was all the accounts he would lose if his paper was not the designated official newspaper. He also believed it would hurt the City of Cashmere if they did not stay with the local newspaper.

Mayor Fletcher apologized to Bill Forhan, for not communicating with him prior to the subject of designating an official newspaper came before the City Council. The goal behind the decision to change the official newspaper was to get the legal publications out faster, meeting our publication requirements in a shorter amount of time. Even if the notices go online, the publication requirements start when the notice is printed in the official paper of record.

The Mayor recommended approval of Ordinance No. 1287 repealing Ordinance No. 1286 that designated the Wenatchee World as the official newspaper of the City. Approving the proposed ordinance would reset the Cashmere Valley Record as the official newspaper for the City. The City can then go through the proper bidding process to look at not only cost but timeline for publication.

MOVED by Councilor Pratt and seconded by Councilor Erickson to approve Ordinance No. 1287 Repealing Ordinance No. 1286 and affirming continuation of the Cashmere Valley record as the official newspaper of the City. Motion carried 5-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 01-2020 ADDING THE MAYOR AND CLERK-TREASURER TO THE CITY CELL PHONE POLICY

Under the current cell phone policy, the Fire Chief and the Director of Operations receive a monthly stipend of twenty dollars to use their personal cell phone for City business. The proposed resolution adds the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer to the policy.

MOVED by Councilor Erickson and seconded by Councilor Carlson to approve Resolution No. 01-2020 adding the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer to the City Cell Phone Policy. Motion carried 5-0.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Director Croci gave an update on the Sherman Reservoir Roof project and informed the Council that they are looking at painting the outside of the reservoir when the roof project is complete.

Mayor Fletcher informed the Council that the Port District has approved a \$15,000 grant for engineering for water and wastewater to be brought to the vacant property on Railroad Avenue and a \$20,000 grant to study the Lagoon property for economic development.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fletcher adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.



James Fletcher, Mayor

Attest:


Kay Jones, City Clerk-Treasurer