

MINUTES OF THE CASHMERE CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY JULY 13, 2020 AT CASHMERE CITY HALL – TELEPHONE CONFERENCE

OPENING

Mayor Jim Fletcher opened the regular City Council meeting via telephone conference at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. City Clerk-Treasurer Kay Jones took minutes.

Mayor Fletcher announced that this meeting of the City Council is being conducted via a telephone conference call pursuant to Governor Inslee’s Proclamation No. 20-28. To provide some organization to this meeting because it is being conducted over the phone, I will be recognizing the councilmembers on each issue before the City Council, starting from my right to my left around the Council table. When it is a councilmember’s turn to speak, the councilmember may respond with “no comment” or “I agree with the previous comments” or with additional comments or questions.

As items appear on the agenda, motions will be sought first from Councilmember Erickson, and so on from right to left. Motions will be followed by a request from me for a second to the motion in the same order. I will ask the councilmembers for comments in the same order until all comments and questions on the agenda items have been made.

Now for the roll call of the councilmembers to document attendance. Please respond with an acknowledgment of your presence when your name is called.

ATTENDANCE

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Mayor:	Jim Fletcher	
Council:	Daniel Scott - phone Chris Carlson - phone Dave Erickson - phone Jayne Stephenson - phone Derrick Pratt - phone	
Staff:	Kay Jones, City Clerk-Treasurer Steve Croci, Director of Operations	Chuck Zimmerman, City Attorney
Public:	Kirk Beckendorf, Cashmere Valley Record - phone Ryan Peterson, RH2 Engineering - phone Allan Pace, Vista Heights - phone Brad Blackburn, Vista Heights - phone Eva Lorenz, Cottage Avenue - phone	

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INFORMATION

Mayor Fletcher stated that he will address the complaints regarding odors from the WWTP and the request to re-address chickens in Cashmere under progress reports after the business items are taken care of.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of June 8, 2020 Regular Council Meeting by Telephone Conference

Minutes of June 22, 2020 - Council Meeting Cancelled

Payroll and Claims Packet Dated June 22, 2020

Claims Direct Pay and Check #40507 through #40528 totaling \$379,571.11

Payroll and Claims Packet Dated July 13, 2020

Claims Direct Pay and Check #40532 and #40533 through #40558 totaling \$183,565.23

Payroll Direct Deposit and Check #40530 through #40531 totaling \$107,760.41

Manual Check #40529

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

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE UPDATED WATER COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Mayor Fletcher opened the Public hearing at 6:06 p.m. to receive comments on the Updated Water Comprehensive Plan. Ryan Peterson with RH2 Engineering gave a brief summary of the update process with the state agencies and explained the Comprehensive Water Plan shows the history and is a map for the future.

With no comments or questions from the public the Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 6:14 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. 05-2020 APPROVING THE UPDATED WATER COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

MOVED by Councilor Erickson and seconded by Councilor Pratt to approve Resolution No. 05-2020 approving the Updated Water Comprehensive Plan. Motion carried 5-0.

RATIFY PERTEET'S ON-CALL PLANNING SERVICES AGREEMENT TASK ASSIGNMENT #1 GENERAL PLANNING SERVICES AND TASK ASSIGNMENT #2 EAST CASHMERE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN

The City Council approved the On-Call Planning Services Agreement with Perteet on February 24, 2020. At that time the need for general planning services were discussed as well as services for a Redevelopment Plan for East Cashmere. The Task Assignments and costs were not available at that time. Ratification of the Task Assignments is a housekeeping issue.

MOVED by Councilor Erickson and seconded by Councilor Pratt to approve and ratify Perteet's On-Call Planning Services Agreement Task Assignments #1 General Planning Services and #2 East Cashmere Redevelopment Plan. Motion carried 5-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 1290 AMENDING THE 2020 BUDGET

MOVED by Councilor Carlson and seconded by Councilor Scott to approve Ordinance No. 1290 amending the 2020 Budget. Motion carried 5-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 1291 IMPOSING THE SALES AND USE TAX AUTHORIZED UNDER SHB 1406 TO BE USED FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The proposed ordinance authorizes a sales tax for affordable and supportive housing. The tax will come from the state's portion of sales tax collected within the City and will not result in higher sales tax within the City of Cashmere. The additional funding will be used to address housing needs in the City.

MOVED by Councilor Carlson and seconded by Councilor Pratt to approve Ordinance No. 1291 Imposing the sales and Use Tax Authorized Under SHB 1406 to be used for Affordable Housing. Motion carried with 4 voting in favor and Councilor Scott voting no.

PACE ENGINEERING SCOPE OF SERVICES AND FEE PROPOSAL FOR SULLIVAN STREET WATERMAIN AND SEWER REPLACEMENT

MOVED by Councilor Pratt and seconded by Councilor Erickson to approve Pace Engineering Scope of Services and Fee Proposal for Sullivan Street Water main and Sewer Replacement in the amount of \$45,450. Motion carried 5-0.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Mayor Fletcher explained that the odor from the WWTP is due to drying the solids that have been stockpiled all winter. When the pile that has been sitting for months is cut into to start the drying, the odor is quite strong. The city is looking into alternatives in handling the bio-solids.

Allan Pace and Brad Blackburn from Vista Heights spoke on the odor and how it impacts their quality of living.

There is a group of people that would like the City to revisit allowing chickens in Cashmere. The consensus of the City Council was supportive in having the Planning Commission revisit the matter of chickens.

Mayor Fletcher reported that the City was able to assist 25 Cashmere businesses through the CARES ACT Small Business Grant Program and another 18 Cashmere businesses received assistance through the County's Small Business Grant Program.

The Food Bank, with the assistance of the National Guard has been handing out 200 boxes of food each week on Wednesdays. To accommodate the traffic the Food Bank will be moving to Riverside Park to distribute the boxes. The National Guard will no longer be assisting so there is a need for volunteers to handle the distribution of 200 boxes of food.


Sales Tax Revenue is down 20%-22% for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2020.

Director Croci reported that the public works crew has been repairing sidewalks on Elberta and Division Street. Next week they will start the streetlight repair project on Perry Street. The City has hired two workers through Express Employment to assist the crew with the projects.

Next week the trees along the walking path down at the river will be sprayed again this year for Dutch Elm disease.

ADJOURNMENT

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

  
James Fletcher, Mayor

Attest:

  
Kay Jones, City Clerk-Treasurer