

MINUTES OF THE CASHMERE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY MAY 10, 2021 AT CASHMERE CITY HALL – In Person and Digital

OPENING

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

Due to the Governor’s Phase III restrictions, council meetings can be held in person at 50% capacity, wearing masks and meeting the distancing requirements. Attendees will have the option to meet in person, by phone or digital conference.

ATTENDANCE

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Mayor:	Jim Fletcher	
Council:	Daniel Scott Chris Carlson - digital Dave Erickson Jayne Stephenson Derrick Pratt	
Staff:	Kay Jones, Clerk-Treasurer Steve Croci, Director of Operations	Chuck Zimmerman, City Attorney
Public:	Bill Forhan, Cashmere Valley Record - digital	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Fletcher announced that the Clerk-Treasurer needs two council members to volunteer to review the annual financial report.

The Mayor announced that May 17th through May 21st is candidate filing week. Three council positions are up for reelection. Councilor Carlson will be running again, Dave Erickson has served for two terms and he said that this is his last term, and Daniel Scott announced that he will be resigning his position on City Council within the next month or two. He is moving out of Cashmere and will not be eligible to serve.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of April 26, 2021 Regular Council Meeting
Payroll and Claims Packet Dated May 10, 2021

Claims Direct Pay and Check #41147 through #41168 totaling \$42,489.32

Payroll Direct Pay and Check #41143 through #41145 totaling \$97,753.72

Manual Check #41146

Ratify language change in Express Employment Professionals Staffing Agreement

MOVED by Councilor Erickson and seconded by Councilor Pratt to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Cashmere Fire Chief Cy Sousley discussed the letter the City received from Fire District No. 6 regarding the idea of consolidating the agencies. Chief Sousley stated that if the Cashmere Fire Department and District No. 6 were to consolidate, there would be a new tax for Cashmere, and he believes there would be a decrease in response time. The Cashmere Fire Department has 24-hour EMS coverage.

The Interagency Agreement for Emergency Medical Aid Services between the City and District No. 6 expired on December 31, 2020. The City is in the process of negotiating a new agreement. The Mayor and Fire Chief are looking at several options including private ambulance services located in or closer to Cashmere or Cashmere transporting and billing for transport. The Mayor and Chief will continue to look at options and negotiate with District No. 6 on an Interagency Agreement for Emergency Medical Aid Services.

APPROVAL OF DRAFT RFP FOR RIVERSIDE CENTER

The Mayor stated that Riverside Center needs to be self-supporting. The Request for Proposals process will enable the City to identify qualified parties to manage the Center. Contracting now will enable the manager to start scheduling future events as we transition out of COVID virus restrictions.

Reopening the Center will allow time for marketing, reservations, operations and maintenance of the Center and rental revenue for maintaining the building until such time as the Council determines alternatives for long term sustainable uses of the facility.

Councilor Erickson suggested leaving the monthly rent amount blank to encourage more respondents and the opportunity to negotiate a rent with more community opportunities.

MOVED by Councilor Scott and seconded by Councilor Carlson to approve the RFP for Riverside Center with the suggested change on leaving the monthly rent amount blank. Motion carried 5-0.

STANDARD PALLET AGREEMENT FOR BRUSH GRINDING AT THE MULCHING CENTER

Wood waste from City operations and yard waste collections are stored at the mulching center off Hinman Road. Standard Pallet has the only bucket grinder in the area capable of grinding tree trunks up to 40 inches in diameter. The City has several large tree trunks that need to be chipped. Grinding the brush and trunks will not exceed \$10,000. The agreement does not include removal of the grindings.

MOVED by Councilor Carlson and seconded by Councilor Pratt to approve the Standard Pallet Agreement for brush grinding in the amount of \$10,000. Motion carried 5-0.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Chelan County is designing Sunset Highway and Director Steve Croci reported that he is working with the engineers on Sunset Highway access control, in the mini mart and gas station area. They are also discussing roadway width and whether to have sidewalk on both sides or just the south. The consensus of the Council was to keep the roadway width the same in the City and not to taper until it reaches the county, and the sidewalk should be on the south side along the businesses. The sidewalk on the north side can be a future project.


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Director Croci reported that he is looking at options to get rid of the piles of grindings at the Mulching Center. He estimates about 1,000 cubic yards.

The Public Works crew is trimming trees on the levee.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fletcher adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.


James Fletcher, Mayor

Attest:


Kay Jones, City Clerk-Treasurer