

MINUTES OF THE CASHMERE CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY JUNE 14, 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:	Chris Carlson - digital Dave Erickson Jayne Stephenson Derrick Pratt	Daniel Scott, resigned - moved out of city
Staff:	Kay Jones, Clerk-Treasurer Steve Croci, Director of Operations Christina Wollman, City Planner - digital	Chuck Zimmerman, City Attorney
Public:	Bill Forhan, Cashmere Valley Record – digital David Flick, Citizen - digital	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Fletcher announced that Councilor Daniel Scott has moved out of the City of Cashmere and therefore has resigned his position as City Council Member. Since two candidates are running for the position in the upcoming election, the mayor will not appoint a replacement. The seat will remain vacant until the election.

On June 8, 2021, Mayor Fletcher presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the members of Washington Army National Guard for their dedicated service and commitment in assisting the Cashmere Food Bank in distributing food to those in need during the 2020-2021 COVID-19 emergency.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Fletcher explained that the public comment period was to speak to the City Council on items not on the agenda. A person signed in to speak has three minutes to address the Council, making them aware of the matter. The Council can ask questions for clarification, ask staff to look into the matter or provide additional information, add the item to the agenda, table the item to a future agenda or take no action at all.

Tyler Rice, residing just across the highway from Cashmere, spoke to the City Council regarding his concerns with the car show during Founders’ Days (an event sponsored by the Chamber) and the City Pool not opening.

Amy Wall, residing at 308 Evergreen, spoke to the City Council on the importance of the City Pool opening this season. As a parent and a nurse, she is very concerned about children's mental health. She asked the City to do everything they can to get the pool open this summer.

Mayor Fletcher stated that the City Pool is a high priority for the City Council, and everyone agrees that the pool is important to the community. City staff has been working diligently to find staff for the pool in order to open and operate. The pool will open if and when the City has a qualified manager and certified lifeguards.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED by Councilor Carlson and seconded by Councilor Stephenson to approve the agenda as amended, with the addition of a public hearing on the Shoreline Master Program update. Motion carried 4-0.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of May 24, 2021 Regular Council Meeting  
Payroll and Claims Packet Dated June 14, 2021

Claims Direct Pay and Check #41201 and #41203 through #41232 totaling \$163,032.00  
Payroll Direct Deposit and Check #41198 through #41200 totaling \$94,990.80  
Manual Check #41202 not needing prior approval

MOVED by Councilor Erickson and seconded by Councilor Pratt to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. Motion carried 4-0.

#### PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM REVIEW AND UPDATE

The City's Contract Planner, Christina Wollman gave a brief summary on the Planning Commission's process and update of the SMP. The Shoreline Master Program (SMP) must be periodically reviewed every eight years. The periodic update process ensures the City's SMP stays up to date and compliant with current Shoreline Management Act rules and regulations. In Cashmere, shorelines of the state include the Wenatchee River and Mission Creek. This update was a minor update, which only addressed changes in state rules and regulations.

Mayor Fletcher opened the public hearing at 6:30 p.m. to receive public comment. The only question asked was whether the changes in state regulations affect the City of Cashmere. Christina Wollman stated that the changes in state regulations have no negative affects to the City.

The public hearing was closed at 6:31 p.m.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 1301 CONCERNING THE SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM PERIODIC REVIEW AND UPDATE

MOVED by Councilor Erickson and seconded by Councilor Pratt to adopt Ordinance No 1301 concerning the Shoreline Master Program update. Motion carried 4-0.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 1300 AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR 2021

The proposed ordinance amends revenues and expenditure appropriations not identified at the time of adopting the original budget. Most of the amendments are due to the 2021 Refunding Bonds and paying off the 2013 USDA Bonds. Other amendments were previously approved by Council. Exhibit B reflects the increase in the City Pool seasonal employee wages.

MOVED by Councilor Carlson and seconded by Councilor Stephenson to adopt Ordinance No. 1300 amending the Budget for 2021. Motion carried 4-0.

FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE WASTE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT FOR SOLID WASTE SERVICES

The First Amendment to the Solid Waste Contract outlines the needed changes to the Cashmere recycling stream. Glass is a material with no long-term stable market. The Chelan County Solid Waste Management Plan has recommended the removal of glass from the curbside single stream recycling. This First Amendment will update Attachment B, the recyclables material list and make it consistent with the other communities in Chelan County.

Since WM was requesting a change in the Agreement for Solid Waste Services; the City requested Attachment C be amended to pick up the garbage at Riverside Park 2x per week. Riverside Park is highly used during the summer, and the garbage cans are overflowing by the weekends. The City requested an additional pickup on Fridays.

Councilor Pratt voiced concern regarding eliminating glass from recycling. Glass was a huge reason the City went with WM and single stream recycling. He stated that the City was giving up more than they were receiving in the First Amendment.

A request was made to change the proposed amendment; increasing the can size at Riverside Park to 96 gallons and the 2x per week pick up from May through Labor Day.

MOVED by Councilor Carlson and seconded by Councilor Stephenson to approve the First Amendment to the Waste Management Agreement for Solid Waste Services, with the requested amendment to Riverside Park garbage. Motion carried with 3 voting in favor and Councilor Pratt voting no.

FRANCHISE AGREEMENT – GRANTING A FRANCHISE TO THE CITY FOR DOMESTIC WATER AND SANITARY SEWER FACILITIES ON COUNTY RIGHTS-OF-WAY

The franchise agreement with Chelan County is to allow construction and maintenance of domestic water distribution pipelines and sanitary sewer system facilities on county rights-of-way in the City of Cashmere and urban growth area.

MOVED by Councilor Pratt and seconded by Councilor Carlson to approve the Franchise Agreement allowing for City water and sewer facilities on Chelan County rights-of-way. Motion carried 4-0.

CONTRIBUTION TO CHELAN COUNTY TRAILS PLANNING

Chelan County is developing a Pathway Plan for multi-use, inter-urban trail types within the county. The plan is estimated to cost \$75,000. Chelan County and the Regional Port Authority are covering most of the cost. The City is being asked to contribute \$1,000 towards the development of the plan.

Public and stakeholder feedback received thus far on the Pathway Plan indicated the segment between Monitor and Cashmere is one of the highest priorities. To identify a preferred alignment for this segment Chelan County with support from the City submitted a grant application for federal funds to the Chelan Douglas Transportation Council. The cost of this alignment analysis is \$50,000 (\$40,000 grant, \$5,000 Chelan County, \$5,000 City). Staff recommends pledging \$5,000, commitment is subject to award of the grant.

MOVED by Councilor Pratt and seconded by Councilor Stephenson to approve the \$1,000 for the Pathway Plan and the \$5,000 for the analysis if the grant is awarded. Motion carried 4-0.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Mayor Fletcher stated that the City Pool is still leaking and needs to be fixed. City Staff used MRSC Small Works Roster to request bids for repairing the pool gutters, the City received one bid, which was over \$460,000. The City will request bids again using the competitive bidding process and hopefully receive more bids to select from.

Since the pool uses City domestic water, repairing the leak may qualify for ARPA funds.

The City applied for grant funds through Chelan County's Cascade Public Infrastructure Fund program. The City's project to extend utilities to Railroad Avenue property scored #4.

Director Croci explained there are two school zones on Pioneer Avenue; one by the Middle School and one by Vale School, with a gap in between. Through the Safe Routes to School Grant program the City is putting in new crosswalks and lights on Pioneer. One of the new crosswalks is in the gap between the two school zones. RH2 Engineering will investigate and provide an engineer's report on making the two zones into one zone, eliminating the gap. If one zone is recommended the City will have to adopt an ordinance.

The City still does not have a start date for Sullivan Street; the contractor is still waiting on resources and personnel.

The City was awarded the grant for new ADA automated doors for the City Library.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fletcher adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

  
James Fletcher, Mayor

Attest:

  
Kay Jones, City Clerk-Treasurer