

MINUTES OF THE CASHMERE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY JULY 26, 2021 AT CASHMERE CITY HALL – In Person and Digital

OPENING

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

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the Governor’s proclamation; public can attend the council meeting in person, by phone or by digital conference.

ATTENDANCE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements.

EXCUSE ABSENCES

MOVED by Councilor Pratt and seconded by Councilor Erickson to excuse the absence of Councilor Stephenson. Motion carried 3-0.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED by Councilor Carlson and seconded by Councilor Pratt to approve the agenda as amended, with the addition of Chuck Zimmerman discussing private driveways on undeveloped City rights-of-way. Motion carried 3-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of July 12, 2021, Regular Council Meeting
Payroll and Claims Packet Dated July 26, 2021

Claims Direct Pay and Check #41299 through #41322 totaling \$82,307.04
Manual Check #41294 through #41298 not needing prior approval

MOVED by Councilor Erickson and seconded by Councilor Carlson to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. Motion carried 3-0.

CMC 5.40 VENDORS – FARMERS MARKET

The City Council and representatives and supporters of the Farmers Market discussed vendor permits and fees for an hour. The Farmers Market is a non-profit organization, so in following the code they were not charged the \$150 Multi-Vendor permit fee. The vendors at the market however are for profit entities, so they are required to pay the \$10 fee, per event. According to code, an event is 4 consecutive days. The Farmers Market is every Sunday, which equates to the vendors paying \$10 each Sunday.

Brooklyn Holton, representing the Farmers Market, said the language in the code is not clear and she disagrees with the interpretation of \$10 per Sunday. She expressed concern that the vendor fees are not sustainable and if the City will not partner with the Market they will be forced to go elsewhere. Holton stated that the Farmers' Market is a non-profit entity, they provide multiple benefits to the community, and they have a huge amount of support from the public.

Councilor Carlson expressed his support for the Farmers' Market and commented on how difficult it is to quantify all of the benefits that having a local market brings to the community. He suggested interpreting the fee requirement differently. Councilor Pratt suggested the Market seek additional sponsors to cover the costs. Councilor Erickson voiced concern with rushing into a major code change but suggested a comprehensive review of the code and looking at how other communities are supporting Farmers' Markets. Erickson said that the city has to consider all other vendors that use the City parks and be consistent. The Council also needs to keep in mind the issue of gifting of public funds.

MOVED by Councilor Pratt and seconded by Councilor Erickson to table the Farmers Market discussion for legal interpretation of the code. Motion carried 3-0.

SELECTION OF CONTRACTOR FOR THE ASPHALT PAVEMENT OVERLAY PROJECT

The City requested bids for an asphalt overlay project on Yakima and Peshastin Streets. The City received three bids, of which Central Washington Asphalt was the low bidder at \$51,984.

MOVED by Councilor Carlson and seconded by Councilor Pratt to approve the selection of Central Washington Asphalt as the contractor for the asphalt pavement overlay project and authorize the Mayor to sign documents. Motion carried 3-0.

SELECTION OF CONTRACTOR FOR THE ALLEY CHIP SEAL PROJECT

The City requested bids for a chip seal overlay project on four alleys with each alley being bid separately. The City received bids from two contractors of which A&W paving was the low bidder on three out of the four streets. Staff recommended selecting A&W Paving to chip seal Lincoln and Weeds alleys for a total of \$51,470.

MOVED by Councilor Erickson and seconded by Councilor Carlson to approve the selection of A&W Paving as the contractor for the chip seal on Lincoln and Weeds alleys and authorize the Mayor to sign documents. Motion carried 3-0.

SELECTION OF CONTRACTOR FOR THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECT

The City requested bids for the construction of the Safe Routes to School project on Pioneer Avenue. The City received two proposals of which JM Pacific Construction, Inc was the apparent low bidder at \$293,449. The bids came in higher than what was anticipated, and the City's portion of the project costs would increase from \$24,204 to \$133,385.

In 2018, the engineers estimate for the Safe Routes to School project was \$184,064, of which the City was awarded \$160,064 SRTS grant funds. Three years later the project has changed, and costs have

increased. The project was a good project from the start and is now an even better project with bulb-outs that create a shorter crossing for pedestrians and provide more of a traffic calming effect.

RH2 Engineer Erik Howe explained that the Council can move forward with the project and pay the additional \$133,385 or if the Council decides not to do the project, the City will have to pay back the funds already spent on design. Howe anticipates working with the contractor to reduce the actual costs.

The City's engineer and staff recommended the Council award the contract to JM Pacific Construction, Inc., and amend the budget to reflect the cost.

MOVED by Councilor Erickson and seconded by Councilor Pratt to approve the selection of JM Pacific as the contractor for the Safe Routes to School project. Motion carried 3-0.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Mayor Fletcher announced that the state has issued an Emergency Drought Declaration. The City has a Water Emergency Response Plan, of which a Level #1 water emergency encourages users to voluntarily reduce consumption. The Mayor doesn't anticipate the City will have a shortage of municipal water.

The Mayor received notice that Waste Management will be increasing the garbage rates 4% starting October 1st.

Director Croci stated that the Sullivan Street project will be starting August 9th.

ADJOURNMENT

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


James Fletcher, Mayor

Attest:


Kay Jones, City Clerk-Treasurer