

MINUTES OF THE CASHMERE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY JANUARY 24, 2022, 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:	John Perry - Digital Chris Carlson Shela Pistorosi Jayne Stephenson - Digital Derrick Pratt	
Staff:	Kay Jones, Clerk-Treasurer - Digital Steve Croci, Director of Operations	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Fletcher reminded the Council of the special workshop on Wednesday, January 26th at 1:00 p.m. with Woodard & Curran.

The mayor announced a community meeting has been tentatively scheduled for Monday, March 21st at Riverside Center to receive public input on the park plan, including the lagoon area and trails, and the use of Riverside Center as the city library, and ongoing maintenance and repairs of the city pool.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul Kelly residing at 220 Riverside expressed his concern of the need for the City Council to address prefab sheds and carports, which do not require a building permit. People choose to erect a prefab shed under 200 square feet and a prefab metal carport so they can avoid meeting the setback requirements of a building permit. These types of structures are making it hard to get down the alleys, especially when it snows. Mr. Kelly asked the City Council to consider addressing these issues in the code.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of January 10, 2022, Regular Council Meeting

Payroll and Claims Packet Dated December 31, 2021 Year End

Claims Direct Pay and Check #41673 through #41702 totaling \$116,675.68

Payroll and Claims Packet Dated January 24, 2022

Claims Direct Pay and Check #41703 through #41723 totaling \$318,335.18

Reaffirm Mayor appointments to Planning Commission and Outside Committees

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

INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS)

Mayor Fletcher reported he is still negotiating with the Fire District on the formula for services outside city limits. The district paid the City a flat rate of \$5,000 in past years. The new formula will be retroactive for 2021 and moving forward will be a rolling average to eliminate spikes in the budget. The formula will be the number of calls times the rate that is to be determined.

POOL REPAIR BIDS

The City sent out a request for bids for the City Pool repair project and received three bids. The bids ranged from \$620,125 to \$909,070, which exceeded PACE Engineering's project estimate of \$400,000 and the city's budget amount. The mayor's recommendation was to reject all bids.

MOVED by Councilor Carlson and seconded by Councilor Pratt to reject all bids. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Fletcher stated he is committed to opening the pool this year. Staff is discussing ways to minimize the leak to reduce the amount of water loss and alternative options for the repair. The mayor is talking with Leavenworth, Wenatchee and the YMCA about possible solutions and sharing resources. The staffing shortage is impacting all three entities.

The mayor talked about the possibility of a recreation district. The City of Leavenworth created a recreation district in which taxes fund the maintenance and operations of their city pool and the district manages the pool. If the Cashmere community feels strongly about maintaining the city pool the citizens may need to consider forming a recreation district similar to Leavenworth's.

RESOLUTION NO. 01-2022 DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO THE CONDITION OF THE SEWER LIFT STATION PUMPS

The proposed resolution declares a state of emergency with respect to the condition of the sewer lift station pumps and waives competitive bidding requirements. The City Lift Station is served by three pumps, two of the pumps are failing to the point that replacement is immediately necessary to avoid a raw sewage backup or spill event. The lead time for ordering the two new pumps is 25 weeks and any further delay may result in complete pump failure. The resolution is in the best interest of the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City.

MOVED by Councilor Pratt and seconded by Councilor Carlson to approve Resolution No. 01-2022 declaring a state of emergency with respect to the condition of the sewer lift station pumps. Motion carried 5-0.

AMENDMENT TO RIVERSIDE CENTER BUILDING USE AGREEMENT EXHIBIT B, RATES FOR CENTER USE

The proposed rate amendments included a discount for short notice events, events booked within 1 month, and discounts may be offered at Contractor's discretion if the applicant is within 2 months of their event date when booking. The amendments are an effort to maximize bookings.

MOVED by Councilor Carlson and seconded by Councilor Perry to approve the amended Riverside Center Building Use Agreement Exhibit B Rates for Center use. Motion carried 5-0.

PROGRESS REPORTS

The mayor reported the estimated cost for plowing and removing the snow from the snowstorm is about \$58,000, which is overtime and the cost of two contractors and equipment for removing and hauling snow to clear the streets.

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Director Croci reported that he is working with the county on obtaining right-of-way for the Sunset Highway project.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fletcher adjourned the meeting at 6:43 p.m.


James Fletcher, Mayor

Attest:


Kay Jones, City Clerk-Treasurer