

MINUTES OF THE CASHMERE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY JANUARY 10, 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 Chris Carlson - Digital Shela Pistorosi Jayne Stephenson - Digital Derrick Pratt	
Staff:	Kay Jones, Clerk-Treasurer - Digital Steve Croci, Director of Operations	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Fletcher asked for nominees or volunteers for a Mayor Pro-Tem. The council appoints a Mayor Pro-Tem. The Mayor Pro-Tem fills in during the absence of the Mayor. Councilor Carlson volunteered to be the Mayor Pro-Tem.

MOVED by Councilor Stephenson and seconded by Councilor Pratt to appoint Chris Carlson as the Mayor Pro-Tem. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Fletcher asked for nominees or volunteers for the Finance Audit Member. All the council members receive a voucher report listing vendors and invoice amounts. Before each council meeting the Finance Audit Member reviews the actual invoices including supporting documentation. It’s a great position for a new council member to learn about the City’s finances. Councilor Perry volunteered to be the Finance Audit Member.

MOVED by Councilor Pratt and seconded by Councilor Carlson to appoint John Perry as the Finance Audit Member. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Fletcher made the following statement: We thank the residents of Cashmere for their patience during this unusually deep snowstorm. Your tolerance of City crews who were out very early, every day, working long days to clear streets. As snow accumulated, there was less space to push snow, avoiding parked cars made it more difficult for snowplows to clean streets. We apologize to those who were not plowed out until late in the day or even until Friday. Cashmere has not experienced a snowstorm like this in over 20 years.

We also wish to thank our citizens who were able to get out and help their neighbors, plow out driveways and sidewalks. As I walk around town it was good to see so many people out helping neighbors, this is an example of what makes Cashmere a great community.

Our priorities this week is to clear snow piles, open storm drains for the snow melt, re-plowing to widen streets, and clear sidewalks to provide safe walking routes to schools.

This storm should be a reminder winter is just starting. Cars parked on the streets need to be removed so plowing is faster and more efficient, restoring street width, resulting in fewer repeated plowing that block driveways. The City requests that you clear your sidewalks and any fire hydrants, even a small path is helpful.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of December 13, 2021, Regular Council Meeting

Minutes of December 16, 2021, Special Council Meeting

Minutes of December 20, 2021, Special Council Meeting

Payroll and Claims Packet Dated December 31, 2021

Claims Direct Pay and Check #41602 and #41635 through #41672 totaling \$321,576.90

Claims Direct Pay and Check #41603 through #41634 totaling \$115,476.88

Manual Check #41601 not needing prior approval

Sullivan Street Water and Sewer Replacement project accepted as complete

MOVED by Councilor Pratt and seconded by Councilor Stephenson to remove Item No. 6 Reaffirm Committee Appointments from the Consent Agenda down to Business Items for discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

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

COUNCIL WORKSHOP - CITY ASSETS, FEES AND RATES, AND CITY GOALS

The Mayor asked for the council to list their wishes, goals and priorities for Cashmere, which included:

Opening the City Pool

Water rates for summer

City clean-up

Update Park Plan including lagoon area

Contract manager for large projects

Continue repairing and replacing City streetlights

Explore opening Angier Bridge

Consolidate operations

Extending and connecting trails

Water conservation

Long Range Planning for growth and extending utilities

Explore social media to keep citizens informed

Mayor Fletcher discussed the need to review and possibly increase Rates and Fees, especially the cemetery fees, pool rates and brush pickup.

REAFFIRM COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Planning Commission Members Charlie Cruickshank and Mathew Walgren terms ended December 31, 2021. The Mayor will reappoint both members if they are interested in serving another 4-year term. The Mayor is looking for a candidate to fill the vacant position on the Planning Commission.

The Mayor appointed all seven Tree Committee Member for another 1-year term.

MOVED by Councilor Pratt and seconded by Councilor Carlson to reaffirm the appointment of the Tree Committee Members for another 1-year term. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Fletcher is Cashmere's representative on the Link Board and has served for several years. He asked if anyone would like to volunteer to take his place. No one was interested so Mayor Fletcher will remain on the Board.

Councilor Pratt has been serving on the Airport Board and would like to continue. Mayor Fletcher reappointed Derrick Pratt to represent the City on the Airport Board. There is no term.

MOVED by Councilor Carlson and seconded by Councilor Perry to reaffirm the appointment of Derrick Pratt to the Airport Board. Motion carried 5-0.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Director Croci reported on the snow removal process and the priorities. Pool bids will be in shortly and the SCADA upgrade bid documents will soon be ready to bid. Wastewater crewmen have been working on repairing and replacing pumps at the City Lift Station and Woodard & Curran are getting close to submitting the Scope of Work for managing the utilities.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fletcher adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.



James Fletcher, Mayor

Attest:



Kay Jones, City Clerk-Treasurer