

MINUTES OF THE CASHMERE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY JUNE 27, 2011 AT CASHMERE CITY HALL

OPENING

Mayor Gordon Irle opened the regular city council meeting at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. Clerk-Treasurer Kay Jones took minutes.

ATTENDANCE

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Mayor:	Gordon Irle	
Council:	Skip Moore Jim Fletcher Donna Wynne Debbie Knutsen Jeff Gomes	
Staff:	Bob Schmidt, Dir. of Operations Kay Jones, City Clerk-Treasurer Mark Botello, Dir. of Planning/Building	

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

Director of Operations Bob Schmidt informed the council that the preconstruction meetings for both Sunset Highway and the Mission/Woodring Street projects were held on Friday, June 24th. The start date for the Sunset Highway project is July 5th and project duration will be 125 working days. The Mission/Woodring project will start July 11th and project duration will be 30 working days.

John Bryant commented that the City is able to do these large projects due to the large amount of grant dollars Director of Planning & Building Mark Botello has been able to obtain for the City. Mr. Bryant stated that Director Botello is doing an excellent job.

Director of Planning & Building Mark Botello announced that the City's new website is now online.

Clerk-Treasurer Kay Jones informed the council that the proposed budget showing the public works fund will be presented at the study session in July.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED by Councilor Moore and seconded by Councilor Wynne to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of June 13, 2011 Regular Study Session Meeting

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Payroll and Claims Packet Dated June 27, 2011

Claims Check Nos. 30985 through 31013 totaling \$103,887.83

MOVED by Councilor Knutsen and seconded by Councilor Gomes to approve the items on the consent agenda. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SIX-YEAR TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (2012-2017)

Mayor Irle opened the public hearing at 7:10 p.m. Director of Planning Mark Botello discussed the proposed projects and their priority. The top three priorities are Tigner Road, Railroad Avenue and Angier Bridge.

With no comments from the public the hearing was closed at 7:17 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-2011 ADOPTING THE SIX-YEAR TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

MOVED by Councilor Knutsen and seconded by Councilor Gomes to adopt Resolution No. 07-2011 Adopting the Six-Year Transportation Program (2012-2017). Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-2011 ESTABLISHING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE INVESTMENT OF CITY FUNDS

MOVED by Councilor Gomes and seconded by Councilor Fletcher to table Resolution No. 08-2011 to the second meeting in July for further information from Paul Jarvis from Time Value Investments (TVI). Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ON RIVER STREET REALIGNMENT & FOSTER STREET VACATION

Director of Planning Mark Botello explained to council that Crunch Pak approached the City in regards to vacating Foster Street which is the right-of-way located behind the Cashmere City Pool via Sunset Highway. Director Botello proposed to Crunch Pak the possibility of exchanging the real estate adjacent to Crunch Pak's property located adjacent to River Street for the vacation of Foster Street. The property adjacent to River Street would allow the City to realign River Street in the future.

The approximate square footage of Foster Street is 10,000 and 3,240 square feet for the River Street exchange. Botello explained that the City would have to retain an ingress/egress easement to the back of the city pool and to the property owned by Sam Foster.

The council voiced concerns with vacating the entire street and discussed the idea of vacating only the bottom portion of Foster Street. Director Botello will calculate the square footage and bring the matter back before council.

COUNCIL CONCURRENCE ON SIGN CODE AMENDMENT WORK PLAN

The Planning Commission is holding a public workshop to discuss Cashmere's sign code. Director Botello requested written comments and ideas from the council to present to the Planning Commission. A few of the comments discussed include; business friendly code that helps support businesses, business directory sign and locations, receive input from community and business owners, reduce signage when appropriate. Councilor Fletcher commented that the size of the lettering on the signs should be determined by the speed limit. The faster the speed the larger the lettering should be.

LETTER REQUESTING MEMORIAL STONE REPLACEMENT

The City received a letter from Gigi Shaw regarding a family member's broken memorial stone. She requested that the City replace the broken stone since she believes the break was caused by large equipment driving over the stone cracking it down the center. The City's Cemetery policies clearly state that "repairs to cracked, damaged or deteriorated grave markers or concrete borders are not the responsibility of the City, and can be replaced at the lot owner's expense".

Director of Operations Bob Schmidt stated that the backhoe is driven over the stones, there is no way to avoid the stones. Also, he informed the council that he checked and there are a lot of cracked concrete

borders but no headstones. This stone is the only headstone he found that was cracked down the center so this is an isolated case. If it was the backhoe it stands to reason that there would be more broken stones.

The estimated cost to replace the marker is \$665 and a setting fee of \$150. Councilor Fletcher stated that there is no way of knowing what caused the crack or who is responsible, but he would like to see the city show some good will and since it is an isolated case the council wasn't concerned about setting a precedent.

MOVED by Councilor Moore and seconded by Councilor Fletcher to pay \$300 towards the cost of replacing the headstone and waive the city's setting fee. Motion carried with four in favor and Councilor Knutsen voting no.

REQUEST FROM CASHMERE CHAMBER FOR LODGING TAX FUNDS TO PROVIDE GARBAGE SERVICE FOR FOUNDERS DAYS

The Cashmere Chamber requested lodging tax dollars in the amount of approximately \$300 to pay for additional garbage service for Founders Days. This is the only request from the chamber for lodging tax funds to support Founders Days.

John Bryant residing at 203 Mission Avenue #114 stated that there are not enough garbage cans at the parks. The cans at Riverside Park are overflowing frequently and people are using his dumpsters at Riverside Center. Mr. Bryant believes both problems would be solved with more garbage containers at the park.

MOVED by Councilor Fletcher and seconded by Councilor Gomes to approve the request for lodging tax funds to pay for garbage service for Founders Days. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – To Discuss Real Estate Negotiations

At 8:23 p.m. Mayor Irle closed the regular session to enter into an executive session to discuss real estate negotiations for approximately 20 minutes. No action will be taken when back in regular session.

Regular session was reconvened at 8:35 p.m.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Reports were provided in the council packets.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councilor Wynne and seconded by Councilor Gomes to adjourn. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Gordon Irle, Mayor

Attest:

Kay Jones, Clerk-Treasurer