

MINUTES OF THE CASHMERE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY JUNE 13, 2022, AT CASHMERE CITY HALL – In Person and Digital

OPENING

Mayor Jim Fletcher opened the regular City Council meeting at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. Kay Jones, Clerk-Treasurer took minutes.

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 Shela Pistorosi - digital Derrick Pratt	Jayne Stephenson
Staff:	Kay Jones, Clerk-Treasurer Steve Croci, Director of Operations Chuck Zimmerman, City Attorney Kait Schilling, City Attorney	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Fletcher announced that the West Cashmere Bridge is open, and the bridge dedication is scheduled for Wednesday, June 22nd at 10:00 a.m.

The Mayor shared that the Winthrop Library had their grand opening and it would be worth seeing and possibly glean some ideas for the Cashmere Library.

The City Pool opened today at 1:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Greg Johnson residing at 4693 Valley Street commented on issues with the irrigation line in his area. Mayor Fletcher explained that the City doesn't have anything to do with the irrigation, that is through the irrigation district. He would need to address his issues with all his neighbors that are connected to the same line.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED by Councilor Carlson and seconded by Councilor Pratt to approve the agenda as provided. Motion carried 4-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of May 23, 2022, Regular Council Meeting
Payroll and Claims Packet Dated June 13, 2022

Claims Direct Pay and Check #41937, #41938, #41940 through #41971 totaling \$234,958.34
Payroll Direct Deposit and Check #41933 through #41936 totaling \$73,378.71

Manual Check #41930 through #41932 and #41939

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

PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF KENNEDY ROAD

Mayor Fletcher opened the public hearing at 6:05 p.m. to receive public comment on the petition for vacating a portion of Kennedy Road.

Permit Specialist Tammy Miller presented the petition from the following property owners requesting the vacation of a portion of Kennedy Road. The petitioners include Rhonda Reyes, Property Manager of 303 Kennedy Rd., Zack & Anna Bourgault, owners of 303 Kennedy Rd. and Chris & Stacy Rankin owners of 301 Kennedy Rd. and Blaine & Jacqueline Smith adjoining property owners.

The following people spoke in favor of the City vacating a portion of Kennedy Road.

Greg Johnson residing at 4693 Valley Street
Jacqueline Smith residing at 3804 Strutzel Road in Monitor
Blaine Smith residing at 3804 Strutzel Road in Monitor
Rohonda Reyes residing at 303 Kennedy Road
Christie Kennedy residing at 300 Kennedy Road
Al Kennedy residing at 4704 Rank Road

All six people voiced their concern that if the property was not vacated the city could potentially build a trail along the right of way, which would be adjacent to their backyards and through their orchards. A trail through the area would create parking issues and peoples' dogs would be pooping in their yards. The undeveloped road goes through the middle of Mr. Smith's orchard and a trail would cause problems when spraying and increase the issue of people being in the orchard. The undeveloped right-of-way is on a hillside too steep for the City to develop as a road and if the property owners are allowed to buy the property, they would have the opportunity to improve the area and anyone who is currently squatting on the property will be pushed out.

The council was provided copies of the written comments speaking against the petition to vacate. Comments were received from the Planning Commission and a group of residence represented by digital signatures submitted by Lacey Price.

Director Steve Croci, spoke on behalf of the Planning Commission, which has been working on updating the City's Parks Plan. The CPC had discussed creating connectors between neighborhoods and the City's parks. Croci suggested that "pathway" might be a more appropriate term than "trail". The CPC advises against the City vacating a portion of the unimproved Kennedy Road property, as it does not align with the mission, vision or goals of the City of Cashmere's existing Land Use Comprehensive Plan or the forthcoming updated Parks and Recreation and Open Space Plan.

Mayor Fletcher recommended that the city vacate the property. He stated that the Park Plan is a vision, and currently the City does not have specific plans to build a trail on Kennedy Road or any other use for the property.

Councilor Perry was not in favor of vacating the property, his concern was that Cashmere, and the surrounding area, is changing and growing. He explained that in 30-50 years the City may have need of another access to the area. His vote was for the City to retain ownership of the right-of-way for future use.

MOVED by Councilor Pratt and seconded by Councilor Pistoresi to draft an ordinance vacating a portion of Kennedy Road. Motion carried with 3 voting in favor and Councilor Perry voting no.

ORDINANCE NO. 1310 AUTHORIZING THE FURNISS ANNEXATION PURSUANT TO THE PETITION METHOD

MOVED by Councilor Carlson and seconded by Councilor Perry to adopt Ordinance No. 1310 authorizing the Furness annexation pursuant to the petition method. Motion carried 4-0.

SECOND AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES

The proposed amendment allows Waste Management to start an hour earlier on extremely hot days in order to comply with Labor & Industries new regulations regarding outdoor workers and extreme weather.

MOVED by Councilor Perry and seconded by Councilor Pratt to approve the Second Amendment to the contract for Solid Waste Collection Services with Waste Management. Motion carried 4-0.

FOUNDERS DAY SPECIAL USE PERMIT

MOVED by Councilor Carlson and seconded by Councilor Pistoresi to approve the road closure on Cottage Avenue and other streets for Founders Day Special Use Permit. Motion carried 4-0.

AUTOMATIC AID AGREEMENT WITH FIRE DISTRICT NO. 6

The Automatic Aid Agreement between Chelan County Fire District No. 6 and the City clarifies the level of service provided by respective fire services in the event of structural or wildland fires. Rivercom will follow the agreement and dispatch accordingly.

MOVED by Councilor Pratt and seconded by Councilor Carlson to approve the agenda as provided. Motion carried 4-0.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

The proposed Interlocal Agreement between the Chelan County Fire District No. 6 and the City is for Cashmere Fire Department personnel to provide emergency medical services in areas outside the city limits. The agreement is retroactive to January 1, 2021 and expires December 31, 2026 with a 1% annual increase of the \$85 call rate.

Councilor Carlson voiced concern that the call rate of \$85 was too low. He suggested the City give notice to terminate the agreement at the end of 2023 and renegotiate the agreement with a higher call rate.

MOVED by Councilor Pratt and seconded by Councilor Perry to approve the Interlocal Agreement for EMS through 2023 and negotiate a new agreement for 2024. Motion carried 4-0.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Director Croci reported that the City passed the Department of Health's inspection of the City's utilities with no findings.

Croci reported that a new employee was hired for the Public Works department.

Mayor Fletcher would like to hold a few workshops with the council to discuss budget policies and priorities, and capital assets. Holding the workshops now will be beneficial for the 2023 budget process. The consensus of the council was to hold the workshops from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. before council meetings.

The Mayor would like to educate residents on when and how to water their lawns during the summer months.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fletcher adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.



James Fletcher, Mayor

Attest:



Kay Jones, Clerk-Treasurer