

MINUTES OF THE CASHMERE CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY JULY 11, 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 Jayne Stephenson Derrick Pratt	
Staff:	Kay Jones, Clerk-Treasurer Steve Croci, Director of Operations	Chuck Zimmerman, City Attorney

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Clerk-Treasurer Kay Jones announced that the pool schedule has expanded. Starting Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup> there will be evening lap swim Mondays and Wednesdays only, from 5:00 p.m. to 5:55 p.m. and starting Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup> there will be public swim from 1:00 to 4:20 on Saturdays.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Andy Thomas residing at 7152 N Dryden Road addressed the City Council regarding the vacant lot the city owns on the corner of Maple and Railroad Avenue. Andy and his wife Lana purchased the building on Railroad Avenue, which is 60,000 square feet. The name of their building is "The Side Street Cashmere" and their vision is that it will become the heart for arts, food, community gatherings and your everyday place for community.

Andy is talking with 22 new businesses for The Side Street Cashmere. They have a good amount of off-street parking and street parking, however as they look at their needs for the building and their vision, they understand that parking may be a challenge. Andy asked the council to seriously consider selling or leasing the vacant lot, to use for parking and potentially adding a larger more ample electric car and bicycle charging station, maybe even a green space in the middle with trees.

Aaron Todd, Vice President of the Cashmere Chamber of Commerce addressed the City Council, explaining that the Chamber is reevaluating its goals and will be initiating conversations with the City as it seeks ways to work together.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of June 27, 2022, Regular Council Meeting

Minutes of June 27, 2022, Workshop Meeting

Payroll and Claims Packet Dated July 11, 2022

Claims Direct Pay and Check #41992, #42022, 42023 and 42025 through #42049 totaling \$259,328.59

Payroll Direct Deposit and Check #41993 through #42021 totaling \$97,807.16

Manual Check #42024 replacing lost check #41871 not needing prior approval

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

2022 SOLID WASTE COLLECTION RATE MODIFICATION REQUEST (CPI INDEX CHANGE WAS 9.150%)

The city received a rate modification request from Waste Management regarding the Solid Waste Collection. In accordance with the Contract the rates shall be increased based upon the published Consumer Price Index. This year's CPI index change was 9.15%. The Contract states that any increase about 4% must be agreed to in writing by the city.

Waste Management's Central Washington Manager Tyler Mackey, spoke to the council on amending the All-Urban CPI index referenced in the contract to the Water Sewer Trash index, which is less volatile. Most of WM's contracts reference the utility's index, which stays around 3-4 percent annual increase.

Any change in CPI index would not affect the rates until next year. The council will discuss the requested CPI index change at a future meeting.

MOVED by Councilor Pratt and seconded by Councilor Carlson to cap the increase at the 4% allowed under the contract. Motion carried unanimously.

SELECTION OF CONTRACTOR FOR THE WEST CASHMERE LIFT STATION UPGRADE

The city requested quotes from the MRSC Small Works Roster to upgrade Cashmere's West Cashmere Lift Station. The upgrade includes all the parts and labor for installation of two new pumps, level sensors and controls. Only one bid was received from Whitney Equipment Company for \$59,735.

MOVED by Councilor Carlson and seconded by Councilor Perry to select WECCI for the West Cashmere Lift Station Upgrade and authorize the mayor to sign documents. Motion carried unanimously.

PROGRESS REPORTS

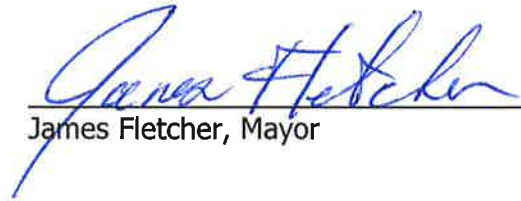
Mayor Fletcher discussed the city's off-street parking issue with the council. A potential building has been proposed which would include retail space on the ground floor and residential apartments on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. However, the proposed plan does not provide enough off-street parking to meet the city's current parking code. Fletcher asked if the council wants to look at amending the parking code to encourage new development and new business but cautioned that changing the code would change it for everyone, not just the new business.

Mayor Fletcher stated that with three council members voicing opposition to amending the parking code, there is no point in the matter go to the Planning Commission for review.

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ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fletcher adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

  
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James Fletcher, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Kay Jones, Clerk-Treasurer