

MINUTES OF THE CASHMERE CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 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.

The 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 Kate Schilling, City Attorney

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor reminded the Council of the 9:00 a.m. meeting tomorrow with Senator Hawkins at City Hall and workshops are scheduled for the next two council meetings.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Eva Lorenz residing at 509 Cottage Avenue spoke to the council about revisiting the city code prohibiting chickens in Cashmere. She informed the council that over 60 people signed an informal petition on social media in favor of allowing chickens on small lots inside the city limits. Lorenz suggested modeling the code after the City of Ellensburg, allowing hens only and no rosters.

Some of the council members were supportive of allowing chickens and Councilor Pistorosi questioned how the new code would be enforced. Mayor Fletcher reminded the council that a public hearing would be required to amend the code.

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 August 8, 2022, Regular Council Meeting  
August 22, 2022, Council Meeting Canceled  
Payroll and Claims Packet Dated August 22, 2022  
    Claims Direct Pay and Check #42135 through #42153 totaling \$245,087.24  
Payroll and Claims Packet Dated September 12, 2022

Claims Direct Pay and Check #42184 through #42202 totaling \$161,435.38  
Payroll Direct Deposit and Check #42158 through #42181 totaling \$93,840.51  
Manual Check #42155, 42156, 42157, 42182, 42183 not needing prior approval  
Replaced Check #41568 with Check #42154

Emergency Facilities & Land Use Agreement with USDA Forest Service

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

AMENDMENT TO EXHIBIT C OF THE W&C OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT REGARDING B&O TAXES

In the original contract the table in Exhibit C incorrectly had the Washington Business & Occupation Tax included in the Subtotal Costs. Including the taxes in the Subtotal Costs applies the Fixed Fee to the tax inappropriately. Properly applying the taxes reduces the first year (2022) annual contract cost by \$853.

MOVED by Councilor Stephenson and seconded by Councilor Carlson to approve the amendment to Exhibit C of the 2022 W&C Operations and Maintenance Agreement regarding B&O Taxes. Motion carried unanimously.

PROPOSED 2023 BUDGET FOR THE W&C OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

The first year Base Budget amount is a total of \$1,277,409 and the proposed 2023 Budget includes the following increases and adjustments; the area's CPI was 8.0%, all categories in the budget were adjusted by 8.0% and a portion of the residual management budget was reallocated to the chemical budget to reflect the actual spending expectations for 2023. The proposed budget for 2023 is \$1,381,106.

MOVED by Councilor Carlson and seconded by Councilor Pistoiresi to approve the 2023 Budget for the W&C Operations and Maintenance Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

2023 AGREEMENT FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES

The purpose of the Agreement is for Chelan County to provide services to Cashmere to develop a comprehensive emergency management plan and program and other emergency operational functions. The 2023 annual amount for Emergency Management Services is \$9,971.20. The new per capita rate used to calculate the 2023 Agreement for Emergency Management Services is \$3.04, and Cashmere's 2022 population (estimated by OFM) is 3280.

MOVED by Councilor Pratt and seconded by Councilor Carlson to approve the 2023 Agreement for Emergency Management Services. Motion carried unanimously.

AERIAL PARAGLIDER AGREEMENT

In May the Council approved an agreement for Aerial Paragliders to use Riverside Park for ground-based activities with insurance limits of no less than 5,000,000 each occurrence and \$5,000,000 general aggregate. Aerial Paragliders proposes insurance limits of \$1,000,000 each occurrence and \$1,000,000 general aggregate. The proposed limits match the insurance requirements in the Rafters Agreement.

MOVED by Councilor Perry and seconded by Councilor Stephenson to approve the Aerial Paraglider Agreement amendment to the insurance language. Motion carried unanimously.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Clerk-Treasurer Kay Jones announced that the second half of the new water meters are scheduled to be arriving this month. The meters that have already been installed have been useful and the first 17 letters announcing possible leaks have been mailed out.

Director of Operations Steve Croci informed the Council of the new US Fish and Wildlife regulation that will impact the upgrades to Sunset Highway. Any stormwater runoff will need to be retained and cannot go directly into the river.

An agreement with the county is needed to help negotiate right-of-way to complete the project and meet the new regulations.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fletcher adjourned the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

  
James Fletcher, Mayor

Attest:

  
Kay Jones, Clerk-Treasurer