

MINUTES OF THE CASHMERE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 26, 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 Pistoresi Jayne Stephenson Derrick Pratt	
Staff:	Kay Jones, Clerk-Treasurer Steve Croci, Director of Operations	Chuck Zimmerman, City Attorney Kate Schilling, City Attorney

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Fletcher reminded the Council of the workshop scheduled for Monday, October 10, at 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kim Holliday and James Munley with Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance spoke to the City Council about paving the dirt pump track at Riverside Park. Paving the track would cutdown on maintenance time and cost and would allow for anything with wheels to use the track.

Kim's husband, Brent Holliday was very passionate about bikes and through Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance was responsible for getting the pump track built about 10 years ago. Kim explained they would like to pave the track in honor of her husband, Brent Holliday that passed away last December. Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance will volunteer their time and raise the funds for the paving project, which is estimated at \$25,000.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of September 12, 2022, Regular Council Meeting
Payroll and Claims Packet Dated September 26, 2022

Claims Direct Pay and Check #42203 through #42225 totaling \$63,569.62

Set a public hearing for revenue sources and possible increase in property tax on October 24, 2022

Set a public hearing for preliminary budget on November 14, 2022

Set a public hearing for final budget on November 28, 2022

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

AMENDED AND RESTATED INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN CHELAN COUNTY AND CITY FOR COOPERATION ASSOCIATED WITH COUNTY ROAD PROJECT NO 726 FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY NEGOTIATIONS

The proposed amendment to the Interlocal Agreement for Sunset Highway is to address the County negotiating on behalf of the City for right of way acquisition. The City will pay the County the full cost for needed easements and property acquisitions.

MOVED by Councilor Pratt and seconded by Councilor Stephenson to approve Exhibit A, amending the Interlocal Agreement for Sunset Highway. Motion carried unanimously.

LOCAL AGENCY A&E PROFESSIONAL SERVICES NEGOTIATED HOURLY RATE CONSULTANT AGREEMENT WITH NICHOLLS KOVICH ENGINEERING FOR BRIDGE LOAD RATINGS ON 4 CITY BRIDGES

The Federal highway Administration provided requirements to load rate bridges contained in the National Bridge Inventory. To comply with the requirements and bridge inspection standards the four bridges in Cashmere must be evaluated by the end of December 2022.

Angier Bridge is not a vehicle bridge so it will not be evaluated, and the Aplets Bridge is owned by DOT.

The city posted a request for qualifications on MRSC Consultant Roster and four firms submitted statements of qualifications. The committee selected Nicholls and Kovich Engineering firm and the negotiated cost of the Local Agency A&E Professional Services agreement is \$7,255.

MOVED by Councilor Pratt and seconded by Councilor Carlson to approve the Local Agency A&E Professional Services Agreement with Nicholls Kovich Engineering for bridge load ratings. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ON CHAPTER 17.58.085 LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

The mayor wanted to follow up on a request that was made at the previous meeting to allow chickens inside the city limits. Mayor Fletcher explained that the city's ordinance does allow livestock and poultry in certain zoned areas. Chickens, other poultry and rabbits require one acre or greater. Mayor Fletcher recommended to the Council that before they start discussing specific changes to the code, they think about what the overall goal is and what the city is able and willing to administer and enforce. He cautioned that the city doesn't want to get in the business of counting chickens or measuring setbacks for chicken coups.

Three of the council members were in favor of having the Planning Commission review Chapter 17.58.085 to allow chickens. Councilor Pistorresi was opposed, and Councilor Pratt was on the fence.

Three people spoke in favor of allowing chickens, ducks, and rabbits in the city limits. It's not just about feeding your family or saving money; it's about enriching the lives of the families.

Kelly Schmidt resides at 105 Julian Court, and she is adamantly opposed to allowing chickens in the city limits. Kelly lived in the city when farm animals were allowed, chickens do smell, and they do draw flies. If people want livestock and poultry, they need to live on a farm or outside city limits. Allowing poultry would affect her quality of life. Her neighborhood has already gone downhill due to the city not enforcing city code that is already in place. Why would the city add another enforcement issue when they don't

have the staff or money for enforcement now.

PROGRESS REPORTS

City Clerk-Treasurer Kay Jones reported that the 600+ new water meters the City has been waiting for did not get shipped. The new shipping date is the end of November. Depending on the weather the meters may not be installed until spring.

Director Croci reported that the overlay project will be completed this week, which includes a portion of two streets and two alleys.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fletcher adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m.



James Fletcher, Mayor

Attest:



Kay Jones, Clerk-Treasurer