

MINUTES OF THE CASHMERE CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY OCTOBER 24, 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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED by Councilor Carlson and seconded by Councilor Pistorosi to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of September 26, 2022, Workshop Meeting  
Minutes of October 10, 2022, Workshop Meeting  
Minutes of October 10, 2022, Regular Council Meeting  
Payroll and Claims Packet Dated October 24, 2022  
Claims Direct Pay and Check #42264 through #42284 totaling \$118,727.36

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

PUBLIC HEARING ON REVENUE SOURCES AND POSSIBLE INCREASE IN PROPERTY TAX

Mayor Fletcher explained the Chelan County Assessor provided the city with the preliminary property tax valuations for collection in 2023. The city is allowed a 1% increase on the highest lawful levy since 1985, which for 2023 would equal \$7,167.35. Plus, new construction, annexed property, and adjustments. Bringing the Total Preliminary 2023 Property Tax Levy to \$739,920.79. Levying the 1% increase in property (\$7,167.35) is about \$0.015 per \$1000 assessed value.

Property Tax is considered general tax dollars, which is the General Government fund and the Public Works fund. Most of the property tax is receipted into the Public Works fund, which maintains the parks, pool, cemetery, and streets. The mayor pointed out the cost of operations have increased more than 1%. As per the Collective Bargaining Agreement, the city's wages will increase 5% in 2023. The mayor announced that no action is required after the public hearing. An ordinance authorizing the property tax levy will be prepared for action at the November 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The council was provided a copy of year-to-date revenue sources, showing a comparison to the previous year. The mayor went through the revenue sources, discussing the revenues in each fund.

Mayor Fletcher opened the public hearing at 6:04 p.m. to receive comments from the public. Mayor Fletcher explained that this public hearing was to discuss revenue sources and the possible increase in property taxes. The next public hearing on November 14<sup>th</sup> is on the preliminary budget. The council will discuss the expenditures.

With no comments from the public the hearing was closed at 6:07 p.m.

#### PROSECUTION SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR 2023

The amount for prosecution services for 2023 is \$13,475, which reflects the total number of cases prosecuted during the 12-month period of September 1, 2021, through August 31, 2022 for gross misdemeanor and misdemeanor crimes occurring within the city limits of Cashmere. The cost for the 49 cases is \$275 per case.

MOVED by Councilor Pratt and seconded by Councilor Stephenson to approve the Prosecution Services Agreement for 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 05-2022 AMENDING RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE CASHMERE PARKS AND CEMETERY

The proposed resolution is amending the rates and charges for the Cashmere parks and cemetery to cover the cost of supplies and operations. These rates have not been amended since 2018. City staff reviewed the rates and the rates in the surrounding area and made recommendations in the proposed resolution.

MOVED by Councilor Perry and seconded by Councilor Carlson to table Resolution No. 05-2022 until the next meeting for further review. Motion carried unanimously.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 06-2022 AMENDING RATES AND CHARGES FOR GENERAL LICENSES, PERMITS AND MISCELLANEOUS FEES FOR SERVICES

The proposed resolution is amending the rates and charges for general licenses, permits and miscellaneous fees for services to cover the cost of supplies and operations. These rates have not been amended since 2019. City staff reviewed the rates and the rates in the surrounding area and made recommendations in the proposed resolution.

MOVED by Councilor Stephenson and seconded by Councilor Carlson to table Resolution No. 06-2022 until the next meeting for further review. Motion carried unanimously.

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ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fletcher adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

  
James Fletcher, Mayor

Attest:

  
Kay Jones, Clerk-Treasurer