

MINUTES OF THE CASHMERE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY MARCH 13, 2023, 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. Clerk-Treasurer Kay Jones 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 - digital Jayne Stephenson Derrick Pratt	
Staff:	Kay Jones, Clerk-Treasurer Steve Croci, Director of Operations	Chuck Zimmerman, City Attorney

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Vicky Cibicki residing at 301 Fircrest Drive voiced her concerns regarding the importance of including the morning lap swim to the pool schedule this year, as it was pre-covid. She is also concerned with the increasing cost of the sewer bill, voicing that it is not sustainable and proposed it be capped with no more increases. Cibicki informed the council of code violations in her neighborhood.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of February 27, 2023, Regular Council Meeting

Payroll and Claims Packet Dated March 13, 2023

Claims Direct Pay and Check #42552 through #42573 totaling \$157,669.46

Payroll Direct Deposit and Check #42552 through #42554 totaling \$68,902.57

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

PUBLIC HEARING ON PETITION FOR ANNEXATION OF CHRIST CENTER CHURCH AND SPEARS PROPERTY

Mayor Fletcher explained that two property owners; Christ Center Church and Marc Spears have petitioned for annexation, which is a direct method petition process. This hearing is to address the annexation only.

The Mayor opened the public hearing at 6:10 p.m. to receive public comment on the petition for annexation.

Gina Quinn residing at 5920 Kimber Road spoke in opposition to the petition for annexation. She voiced concerns regarding environmental impacts to Brender Creek, standing water on Evergreen Drive and Kimber Road, and the possibility that the acreage may be re-zoned to multi-Family. Written comments were provided for the file.

Jeff Johnson residing at 250 Kennedy Road addressed the council on a broader view of development. He spoke in opposition to the annexation and recommended the City follow the model of growth paying for growth. The developers profit from new development, and they should be paying the costs of providing services for new customers, not city residents.

Vicky Cibicki residing at 301 Fircrest Drive spoke in opposition to the petition for annexation and urged the council to keep Cashmere from the unsustainable growth and to keep the City from losing its safe and friendly "small town" character. She voiced concern regarding the increased costs for additional city services that would be needed and worried that after annexation the owners would petition to rezone to multi-family. Written comments were provided for the file.

Josh Price residing at 111 Mt. Cashmere Place spoke in opposition to the petition for annexation. He voiced concern regarding the annexation and proposed zoning of the UGA as not being consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. comprehensive plan and code not being consistent with the urban growth area.

Only four people spoke in opposition and several others stood in opposition to the petition for annexation. Those in opposition are all concerned with the impacts to the rural neighborhoods and losing the quality of life they have had. The increased traffic and speed of traffic was a significant concern.

Mayor Fletcher closed the hearing at 6:33 p.m.

Permit Specialist Tammy Miller explained that both properties submitted a petition to annex, so the petition to annex is 100% of ownership. Both properties are currently served by city's water and sewer services, she noted that Christ Center Church paid for the extension of the lines from Pioneer Avenue up to Evergreen Drive. Miller stated that if annexed both properties would be brought into the City as the default zone of single family residential. The annexation includes Right-of-way on Kimber Road and Evergreen Drive that front the parcels.

Spears is planning to develop his property for residential use whether annexed or not. He has already started the pre-development process with the County. A pre-annexation agreement is included with the Spears property, one of the terms of annexation states that if a subdivision application and preliminary plat is not received by January 1, 2024, the applicant will abide by all subdivision requirements and standards as outlined in the current Cashmere Municipal Code.

Miller explained that the annexation process was separate from the development process or a zoning process.

In addressing a comment that the City was not following its Comprehensive Plan, Mayor Fletcher explained that the Plan is the visionary guiding document used to develop the city codes, which are the actual rules that must be followed. He added that the annexation had been reviewed by the City Attorney.

Councilor Carlson is not in favor of the annexation and voiced his concern with losing the small-town feel. He would rather pay a higher price in rates and taxes than annex more people into Cashmere.

Councilor Perry stated that the development is going to happen either way so let's annex and take advantage of the property tax to help pay for the pool.

Councilor Pistoresi agreed with Councilor Perry and was in favor of the annexation, stating growth and development are happening.

Councilor Stephenson stated that growth will happen, constant change is everywhere. She is in favor of the annexation.

Mayor Fletcher explained that a lot of people want to live in and around Cashmere. He said that in his opinion growth is going to happen, we can see it all around us. He said "we can receive it unregulated; we get whatever the developers want, and we have to live with the results, or we can get a head of the curve and we can plan for the growth; to try and control it, to keep the city the way we want it.

ORDINANCE NO. 1318 AUTHORIZING THE CHRIST CENTER / SPEARS ANNEXATION PURSUANT TO THE DIRECT PETITION METHOD

MOVED by Councilor Pratt and seconded by Councilor Pistoresi to approve and declare the intent of the City Council to approve the Christ Center & Spears annexation consistent with the provisions in the draft annexation Ordinance and the staff annexation agreement memorandum to the Council dated March 13, 2023 related to the Spears property and to direct city staff to process the Chelan County Boundary Review Board annexation application as the next step in the process. Motion carried with 4 voting in favor and Councilor Carlson voting no.

After the Boundary Review Board process has been completed, the proposed Ordinance No. 1318 will be submitted for final approval by the City Council.

1050 ZONE PRV CONTRACTOR SELECTION

On March 8th bids were opened at City Hall for the #P2-1050 Zone Improvements project. The engineer's estimate for the project was \$222,247.85. The City received 4 bids ranging from \$248,364.39 to \$269,574.95. The apparent low bidder was Hurst Construction LLC in the amount of \$248,364.39. Staff recommends the selection of Hurst Construction as the contractor for the 1050 Zone Improvement project.

MOVED by Councilor Perry and seconded by Councilor Pratt to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with Hurst Construction as the apparent low responsive and responsible bidder on the P2 Zone Improvement project for the amount of the Hurst Construction bid and to authorize the Mayor to waive any irregularities in the bidding process the Mayor deems appropriate. Motion carried unanimously.

SPECIAL USE PERMIT - CASHMERE FOUNDERS' DAY

The Cashmere Chamber requested street closures on a portion of Cottage Avenue, Woodring Street and Mission Avenue on Saturday, June 24th for Founders' Days. The car show and vendor fair will be on Cottage Ave. and Woodring St., and Food Trucks will be parked on Mission Avenue.

MOVED by Councilor Stephenson and seconded by Councilor Pratt to approve the Special use Permit for Founders' Days. Motion carried unanimously.

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PROGRESS REPORTS

The Mayor and Council briefly discussed the Community Workshop held the previous week.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fletcher adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.


James Fletcher, Mayor

Attest:


Kay Jones, Clerk-Treasurer