

MINUTES OF THE CASHMERE CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY MAY 8, 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 Pistorresi	Jayne Stephenson
	Derrick Pratt	
Staff:	Kay Jones, Clerk-Treasurer	Steve Croci, Director of Operations Chuck Zimmerman, City Attorney

EXCUSED ABSENCES

MOVED by Councilor Pratt and seconded by Councilor Perry to approve the absence of Councilor Stephenson. Motion carried 4-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Perry commented that the water/wastewater trucks have the new signage with W&C and the City's logo on them and they look good. Perry is happy to see the crew grinding stumps so new trees can be planted.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments from the public. Mayor Fletcher spoke with Reporter Kirk Beckendorf regarding the 8<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Kirk has volunteered to help and has developed an environmental game of bingo to interact with the students. The students will also be voting on what they would like to see developed down at the old lagoon site.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED by Councilor Perry and seconded by Councilor Pratt to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion carried 4-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of April 24, 2023, Regular Council Meeting

Payroll and Claims Packet Dated May 8, 2023

Claims Direct Pay and Check #42644 through #42646 and #42650 through #42670 totaling \$179,925.84

Payroll Direct Deposit and Check #42647 through #42649 totaling \$75,175.58

MOVED by Councilor Carlson and seconded by Councilor Perry to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. Motion carried 4-0.

UPDATE FROM CHELAN COUNTY SHERIFF MIKE MORRISON

Sheriff Mike Morrison is the newly elected Sheriff and has been in office for the last five months. Sheriff Morrison and Corporal Monika Haynes were present to give an update on the last five months and to address the council's questions and concerns.

Corporal Haynes has been appointed as the department's Liaison to Cashmere. Corporal Haynes has been with the department for 27 years. Haynes explained that Cashmere has four homeless individuals that create a lot of chaos that require law enforcement response. She stated that partnering with Behavioral Health has been an immense success in addressing some of the homeless issues.

Graffiti has been an issue for Cashmere and the partnership with the Cashmere School District has been instrumental in assisting the department in identifying suspects. Haynes believes that the recent tagging does not appear to be gang related. She stated that it is very important for community members to call in and let law enforcement know what is going on.

Sheriff Morrison stated communities come first, and the department's updated mission and vision statements reflect this. The Sheriff's department cannot succeed without help from the citizens. Sheriff Morrison has been working on obtaining body cameras, a training facility, and vehicles.

The council requested quarterly attendance at council meetings and working on parking issues in the city.

VENDOR SELECTION FOR THE PURCHASE OF EVAPORATIVE COOLERS FOR THE WWTP

The City requested bids from MRSC vendors and shopped online for two evaporative (swamp) coolers, covers and spare filters for the blower rooms at the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP). On hot summer days the blower rooms get excessively hot and impact the short and long-term performance of the blowers. Evaporative coolers were identified as the most economical way to address the situation. Bids received ranged from \$6,626 to \$8860. Staff recommend purchasing two evaporative coolers, covers and spare filters from Global Industrial for \$6,626 plus shipping and tax. Authorization of this purchase would include approval of a budget amendment.

MOVED by Councilor Perry and seconded by Councilor Carlson to approve the selection of Global Industrial for the purchase of two evaporative coolers, covers and spare filters in the amount of \$6,626 for the WWTP. Motion carried 4-0.

CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR THE 1050 ZONE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT ON DIVISION STREET

Hurst Construction started work on the 1050 Zone Improvement project. They started potholing on South Division Street to find the 6" line the project was connecting to. The potholing revealed that the water line was not where it was expected to be, nor was it a 6" line as expected, but a 4" line. Connecting to the 4" line would work, requiring a change order. Change Order #1 to address the additional work completed thus far would be \$7,932.

The other option for Change Order #1 would be to replace the 310-foot section of 4" with 6". The 4" section connects to a 6" line at the intersection of Newberry Street. This optional change order to replace the 310-foot of 4" line would cost \$95,170.

MOVED by Councilor Perry and seconded by Councilor Carlson to approve Change Order #1 in the amount of \$95,170 for the 1050 Zone Improvement project, with the stipulation that the 6" line to connect to at the intersection of Newberry is confirmed, along with the schedule of values. Motion carried 4-0.

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ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fletcher adjourned the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

  
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James Fletcher, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Kay Jones, Clerk-Treasurer