

MINUTES OF THE CASHMERE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY MAY 22, 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 Pistoresi Jayne Stephenson Derrick Pratt	
Staff:	Kay Jones, Clerk-Treasurer Steve Croci, Director of Operations	Chuck Zimmerman, City Attorney

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of May 8, 2023, Regular Council Meeting
Payroll and Claims Packet Dated May 22, 2023
Claims Direct Pay and Check #42671 through #42694 totaling \$56,423.30

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

EMPLOYMENT EXPRESS RATE SHEET FOR MAINTENANCE/LABORERS

As previously discussed, the sand filter basins at the water treatment plant are scheduled for a complete cleaning. Last year the City did a maintenance cleaning to eliminate the issue of air bubbles in the water. Cleaning the filters is very labor-intensive and the City will need to hire approximately ten people. The project is estimated to take one week for each basin.

Express Employment will find people for the project. The billed hourly rate at Express Employment is \$27.00.

The mayor has already signed the rate sheet to enable Express Employment to start recruiting people. Staff is asking the council to ratify the mayor's signing of the Express Employment Rate Sheet.

MOVED by Councilor Pratt and seconded by Councilor Pistoresi to ratify the approval of the Express Employment Rate Sheet in the amount of \$27.00. Motion carried unanimously.

FOOD BANK - RIVER STEET STORAGE BUILDING RENTAL AGREEMENT

The Food Bank has requested the termination notice in the current building rental agreement to be amended from 6-months to a 12-month notification. They believe it would be very difficult to find another suitable location, get everything moved and organized within the 6-month timeline.

MOVED by Councilor Stephenson and seconded by Councilor Carlson to approve the rental agreement amendment to a 12-month termination notice. Motion carried unanimously.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Director Croci reported that the Sunset Highway project will start on Tuesday and the road will be closed for 30 days.

The S. Division PRV project is moving along, the line extension is in, and the contractor will be replacing service lines and repaving. Then the PRV will be installed.

The public works crew is working on getting the pool ready for opening day, fixing irrigation lines and getting the cemetery ready for Memorial Day.

Only one bidder showed up for the pre-bid walk through for the SCADA Improvement project.

W&C Project Manager Dorien McElroy stated the 8th grade field trip to the WWTP was a success. They had 140 students in one day, half in the morning and half in the afternoon. Next year they will make a few adjustments; one being they will do two mornings. It was getting to hot for the afternoon session.

The W&C crew has been working on cleaning the sand filters in Cell #1, finishing up the meter project, ordered evaporative coolers for the WWTP, completed the arch flash study and sent out for review, and they're working with Crunch Pak to resolve the issue of not receiving SCADA data.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fletcher adjourned the meeting at 6:27 p.m.


James Fletcher, Mayor

Attest:


Kay Jones, Clerk-Treasurer