

MINUTES OF THE CASHMERE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY JULY 24, 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 - Digital Chris Carlson Shela Pistorosi Derrick Pratt	Jayne Stephenson
Staff:	Kay Jones, Clerk-Treasurer Steve Croci, Director of Operations - Digital	Chuck Zimmerman, City Attorney

EXCUSED ABSENCE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Fletcher announced the Sunset Highway project is ahead of schedule and paving will start on Wednesday.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments from the public.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED by Councilor Carlson and seconded by Councilor Pratt to approve the agenda as amended, with renumbering the business items, and moving the discussion on city waterline improvement projects to #1. Motion carried 4-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of June 26, 2023, Regular Council Meeting

July 10, 2023, Meeting Cancelled

Payroll and Claims Packet Dated July 10, 2023

Claims Direct Pay and Check #42772 through #42790 totaling \$312,303.28

Payroll Direct Deposit and Check #42751 through #42771 totaling \$95,672.51

Payroll and Claims Packet Dated July 24, 2023

Claims Direct Pay and Check #42792 through #42823 totaling \$43,891.81

Manual Check #42791 not needing prior approval

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

DISCUSSION ON CITY WATERLINE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Marita Howe resides at 116 S. Douglas. Her daughter, Patti stated that the house was built in 1987 and the water pressure is so low that if the neighbor is watering their lawn her mother cannot shower. They have had two plumbers recommend replacing the service line. However, the plumbers recommend waiting until the city fixes its water line first. Patti and the family want something done now to fix the water pressure or discount the bill as they don't feel their mother is getting the service she's paying for.

Mayor Fletcher explained that the 2" water line needs to be upgraded to a 6" line and even with moving the project to the number 1 priority, construction would not begin until 2024 at best, which doesn't eliminate the problem for their mother right now. There is no quick fix for the city, the project needs to be designed, go out to bid, and then constructed.

Councilor Pratt recommended they replace their service line even though the city will not be replacing the main line until 2024. He had a similar situation where he was not getting any water and when he replaced his service line it remedied his problem, and nothing was done on the city side. It may not fix the entire problem, but it would significantly help the water pressure.

The mayor assured Patti and the family that he would speak to the city engineers and the Woodard & Curran team to see if there was anything the city was able to do to help find a quicker solution.

QUOTE FOR UPGRADING CITY SERVER TO FULL CLOUD MIGRATION

The City's server was scheduled for replacement last year. Instead of a hardware replacement, IT recommended a full cloud migration of all City server hardware to Vision Cloud Service. The cost for full migration to Vision Cloud Service is \$9,805.48. There will be an additional annual cost for Vision Software Cloud Hosting of \$2,880.00.

There are several benefits of Vision Cloud Service such as eliminating the replacement of server hardware every 5 years, eliminating onsite maintenance and repairs, remove the need for backups, giving the ability to work from anywhere, guaranteed 99.99% uptime - resource redundancy, and greatly improves security.

MOVED by Councilor Pistoresi and seconded by Councilor Perry to approve the quote for Full Migration to Vision Cloud Service in the amount of \$9,804.48. Motion carried 4-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 1318 CHRIST CENTER & SPEAR ANNEXATION

In November 2022 the City Council voted to accept the proposed annexation application from Christ Center Church and Marc Spears and directed staff to move forward with the Direct Petition Method.

After the March 2023 public hearing, the City Council voted to approve and declare the intent of annexation Ordinance 1318 and directed staff to proceed with the Boundary Review Board process.

At the June 28, 2023, meeting the Boundary Review Board invoked jurisdiction and held a public hearing, after which the board voted 4-0 to approve the annexation of the Christ Center Church and Spears properties.

The annexation will be zoned Single Family and include the portions of Kimber Rd and Evergreen Drive that abut the property.

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MOVED by Councilor Carlson and seconded by Councilor Perry to approve Ordinance No. 1318 providing for the annexation of Christ Center and Spears Properties. Motion carried 4-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 1319 AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR 2023

The amended budget includes the actual beginning balance of 2023, including unexpected revenues and expenditures. Capital project amounts have been amended from estimated to actual bid amounts and excess reserves in the operating funds have been transferred to the capital funds per policy.

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

SIMPSON PARK EASEMENT – L.E. WILSON TOOLS

Dan Reichert, President, L.E. Wilson Tools is selling his property on Pioneer Avenue. The bank is requiring an easement to the back parking area to complete the sale/purchase of the property.

Dan Reichert is requesting a 20' easement on the driveway to Simpson Park for access to a parking lot behind the manufacturing shop. Mutual use of the driveway has existed since at least 1947 when L.E. Wilson constructed the first shop. Mutual use possibly existed earlier as L. E. Wilson purchased the property in 1938 for a home, shop, and "shot tunnel."

Simpson Park is a portion of a larger parcel dedicated as "Cashmere Playgrounds" in 1928, assigned to the Town of Cashmere in 1947, to be used in perpetuity for public recreation park purposes. The city determines that mutual use of the driveway existed prior to the ownership of Cashmere Playgrounds.

MOVED by Councilor Pratt and seconded by Councilor Pistoresi to approve a perpetual easement for access to the back parking area and authorizing the mayor to sign final documents approved by the city attorney. Motion carried with three voting in favor and Councilor Perry voting no. Motion carried 4-0.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Mayor Fletcher reported that NCW Library is on schedule to take over Riverside Center on July 1, 2024. The current Building Use and Maintenance Agreement with the Library expires at the end of this year. The city is working with the library to extend the current Agreement as needed and is in discussions on the new Agreement for the Riverside Center building.

The mayor informed the council that notice was received that Waste Management is increasing rates by 4%, which is allowed by contract and no action is needed from council.

Mayor Fletcher thanked Dorien McElroy, Project Manager at the WWTP, for all their work in cleaning up all the junk and scrape at the lagoons.

Director Croci announced that after paving Sunset Highway on Wednesday they will start on the sidewalks and lighting.

The Public Works crew is working on cleaning up the trail and trimming the brush, getting the trail ready for paving.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fletcher adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m.



James Fletcher, Mayor

Attest:



Kay Jones, Clerk-Treasurer