

MINUTES OF THE CASHMERE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY MAY 13, 2024, 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. The 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 Jeff Johnson	
Staff:	Kay Jones, Clerk-Treasurer Steve Croci, Director of Operations	

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lee Stephenson residing at 210 Chapel Street addressed the council regarding the city tagging his boat that is parked on the street and then sending a Deputy to his door talking about towing the vehicle. He has had the boat since 2015 and parks it on the street for several months during boating season. To get the boat off the street he was going to park it in his front yard but was told that was prohibited as well.

Stephenson stated that the city's storage and parking codes for recreational vehicles is outdated and unreasonable and requested the council revisit Section 17.58.090 and either remove or revise several subsections.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED by Councilor Carlson and seconded by Pistoresi to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of April 22, 2024, Study Session

Minutes of April 22, 2024, Regular Council Meeting

Payroll and Claims Packet Dated May 13, 2024

Claims Direct Pay and Check #43386 and #43387 through #43423 totaling \$174,770.52

Payroll direct Deposit and Check #43381 through #43385 totaling \$84,044.40

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

DISCUSSION ON FUTURE CITY REVENUES (NO ACTION)

The council was provided with a handout listing all the city's existing tax revenue sources, the amount the city receives and a brief description of the source. Several of the taxes listed are state shared revenues. The city's highest revenue sources are from sales tax, property tax and utility taxes.

The second handout provided was a list of optional new tax sources with an estimated amount the city would receive, a brief description and whether the tax required voter approval.

The two taxes that did not require voter approval was REET 2, which is 0.25% on real estate sales and can be used for capital projects and the potential revenue is estimated at \$44,000.

The other tax would be a sales tax of 0.1% from forming a Transportation Benefit District. Anything higher than 0.1% would require voter approval. The potential revenue from an additional 0.1% sales tax would be approximately \$70,000 to be used for transportation projects.

The mayor and council will continue to discuss new revenue sources to help cover the high increase in law enforcement and jail service contracts. The cost of public safety continues to increase at a rapid rate.

PROGRESS REPORTS

The mayor informed the council that the spruce trees in the cemetery on Evergreen are growing into the powerlines and are a safety liability for the PUD. The PUD would like the trees to be cut down and they have offered to cut the trees down at no cost to the city to eliminate the liability.

Mayor Fletcher mentioned the large amount of grant funds available for transportation projects and would like to select street projects to apply for funding.

Director Croci reported that the lead service line inventory has been completed.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fletcher adjourned the meeting at 6:55 PM.

James Fletcher, Mayor

Attest:

Kay Jones, Clerk-Treasurer