

MINUTES OF THE CASHMERE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY AUGUST 12, 2024, AT CASHMERE CITY HALL – In-Person and Digital

OPENING

Mayor 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> |
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| Mayor: | Jim Fletcher | |
| Council: | John Perry Shela Pistorosi Jayne Stephenson Jeff Johnson | Chris Carlson |
| Staff: | Kay Jones, Clerk-Treasurer Steve Croci, Director of Operations | |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of July 22, 2024, Regular Council Meeting

Payroll and Claims Packet Dated August 12, 2024

Claims Direct Pay and Check #43643 and #43645 through #43676 totaling \$206,143.47

Payroll Direct Pay and Check #43606 through #43642 totaling \$115,693.55

Manual Check #43605 through #43644 not needing prior approval

Voided check # 43587 totaling \$1,107.34

Set Public Hearing for August 26, 2024, on the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program

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

PROPERTY ANNEXATION REQUEST FROM COREY VAN LITH FOR 5633 EVERGREEN DR.

Corey Van Lith submitted a letter requesting to annex property at 5633 Evergreen Drive into the Cashmere City Limits.

Consideration of this letter starts a process including public notices, public-hearing, and coordination with Chelan County Assessor's office. The initial action is to meet with the proponents of the annexation and discuss the boundary of the area to be annexed, zoning, and assumption of any existing city indebtedness.

Mr. Van Lith stated that he wants to annex his five-acre property into the city, where he intends to build townhouses, which will be connected to city utilities. He is still in the design phase, but there is potential for forty, plus units.

MOVED by Councilor Pistori and seconded by Councilor Stephenson to approve the request by Corey Van Lith and Maria C Barros to annex 5633 Evergreen Drive and authorize the mayor to start the process. Motion carried 4-0.

PERTEET INC. TASK AUTHORIZATION #7 CASHMERE CLIMATE CHANGE RESILIENCY ELEMENT PROJECT

New goals of the Growth Management Act require that climate change and resiliency elements be incorporated into the city's next land use comprehensive plan, which is due to be updated by the end of 2026. Washington Department of Commerce is providing up to \$100,000 to incorporate these elements. For the 2024-2025 state budget biennium, the city is requesting \$35,000 to address three of the seven deliverables. Perteet Inc. will be providing the planning services outlined in Task Authorization #7.

MOVED by Councilor Stephenson and seconded by Councilor Perry to accept grant funding from the Department of Commerce for climate planning and approve Perteet Task Authorization #7 in the amount of \$23,933 for planning services. Motion carried with 3 voting in favor and Councilor Stephenson voting no.

MODIFICATION OF THE CITY-WIDE ROADWAY MAINTENANCE PROJECT FOR ADDITIONAL CRACK SEALING

Quality Paving was contracted to perform citywide roadway maintenance. An additional 100,000 linear feet of crack sealing was approved while crews were here doing the work. The additional quantity was at the contract's unit bid price of \$0.40 per linear foot (\$40,000 plus \$3,360 tax). The Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) agreed to pay 95% of the additional quantity, the same percentage as the original agreement between the TIB and the city. The city is responsible for \$2,168.

MOVED by Councilor Pistori and seconded by Councilor Stephenson to approve additional quantities for the crack sealing and authorize the mayor to sign documents.

FIRST AMENDMENT TO INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT FOR GENERATOR AND ELECTRICAL QUICK CONNECTIONS

The first amendment to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for the Generator and Electrical Quick Connections project is to extend the completion date and revise the budget. The council previously approved the Local/City match.

MOVED by Councilor Perry and seconded by Councilor Johnson to approve the ILA with Chelan County for the commitment of additional funds for the Generator and Electrical Quick Connections project and allow the mayor to sign documents.

DISCUSSION ON DRAFT SIX-YEAR TIP

Director Croci discussed the draft Transportation Improvement Plan and the order in which the projects were prioritized. Croci explained that collector streets are eligible for grant funding but must be on the Six-Year TIP to qualify for funding.

The consensus of the council was to reprioritize Evergreen Road Improvements from priority #14 to priority #8.

Mayor Fletcher stated that the projects on the TIP are the projects that the Transportation Benefit District sales tax must be spent on.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Mayor Fletcher reported on Cashmere's jail stats that are increasing. The city's average daily population is 1.89 and the average days of stay are 11.19. The increase is due to drug-related arrests. Since drug charges have been decriminalized and are now misdemeanors, the local jurisdictions are responsible for the jail fees instead of the state. Jail costs continue to increase which is why new tax revenue is needed.

Director Croci reported that the city crew is cutting trees in the cemetery and trimming brush throughout the city. The water department is working with the contractor on completing the SCADA project and working at replacing the large 3" and 4" water meters so they can also be read remotely.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fletcher adjourned the meeting at 7:00 PM


James Fletcher, Mayor

Attest:

Kay Jones, Clerk-Treasurer