

MINUTES OF THE CASHMERE CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY AUGUST 26, 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>
Mayor:	Jim Fletcher	
Council:	John Perry Chris Carlson Shela Pistorosi Jayne Stephenson Jeff Johnson	
Staff:	Kay Jones, Clerk-Treasurer Steve Croci, Director of Operations City Attorney, Julie Norton	

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Fletcher added a closed session to the agenda to discuss union negotiations.

MOVED by Councilor Carlson and seconded by Councilor Stephensen to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of August 12, 2024, Regular Council Meeting

Payroll and Claims Packet Dated August 26, 2024

Claims Direct Pay and Check #43682 through #43698 totaling \$47,301.39

Manual Check #43677 through #43681 not needing prior approval

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

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SIX-YEAR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM 2025-2030

Mayor Fletcher opened the public hearing at 6:02 pm to take comment from the public on the Six-Year TIP. With no public present the mayor closed the hearing at 6:03 pm.

RESOLUTION NO. 06-2024 ADOPTING THE SIX-YEAR TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (TIP)

The consensus of the council was to amend priority #5 School Zone Sidewalk Replacement and improve the crosswalk and add flashing warning lights.

MOVED by Councilor Stephenson and seconded by Councilor Pistoresi to approve Resolution No. 06-2024 adopting the Six-Year Transportation Program for 2025 – 2030 as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

WORKSHOP ON CASHMERE TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT FORMATION PROCESS

City Attorney Julie Norton was present to discuss the process regarding the formation of a Transportation Benefit District (TBD). The memorandum she provided outlined the steps required to form the Cashmere Transportation Benefit District (CTBD) and the steps required after the district is formed.

The first step is to schedule a public hearing regarding the creation of a TBD, the second is after the public hearing, take action to approve or reject an Ordinance establishing a Cashmere Transportation Benefit District, and the third steps is to approve an interlocal agreement between the City of Cashmere and the CTBD.

If a CTBD is formed there a several additional steps the district will need to take including creating bylaws, policies and a resolution authorizing imposition of an additional sales and use tax rate.

MOVED by Councilor Stephenson and seconded by Councilor Johnson to schedule a public hearing on September 23, 2024 at 6:00 pm regarding the creation of a Transportation Benefit District. Motion carried unanimously.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Manager Dorien McElroy reported that the SCADA project is revving up and a lot of progress will be made in the next week. The hydrant on Sunset Highway has been repaired after a traffic accident and they are working on replacing the large meters to remote read. To help the plant run more efficiently the city and W&C are working with Crunch Pak on their loading. The city and W&C received and reviewed the design plans for S. Douglas and the project is now out for bid.

Director Croci reported that the contractor for the generator project is ready to start installing the electrical quick connections and a generator has been ordered. There has been a lot of graffiti around town and the city crew has been removing it.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fletcher adjourned the council meeting at 6:47 PM to enter a closed session to discuss union negotiations.

CLOSED SESSION - TO DISCUSS UNION NEGOTIATIONS

Mayor Fletcher closed the session at 7:09 pm.

  
James Fletcher, Mayor

Attest:

  
Kay Jones, Clerk-Treasurer