

MINUTES OF THE CASHMERE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 23, 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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of September 9, 2024, Regular Council Meeting

Payroll and Claims Packet Dated September 23, 2024

Claims Direct Pay and Check #43758 through #43772 totaling \$110,738.99

Set public hearing October 28, 2024 on revenue sources including possible increase in property tax

Set public hearing November 12, 2024 on Preliminary Budget for 2025

Set public hearing November 25, 2024 on Final Budget for 2025

Set public hearing October 14, 2024 on petition to annex a five acre parcel at 5633 Evergreen Dr.

MOVED by Councilor Perry and seconded by Councilor Carlson to approve the items on the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

WOODARD & CURRAN 2025 BUDGET FOR OPERATING THE WATER AND WASTEWATER FACILITIES

Woodard & Curran presented their \$1,615,310 operating budget for 2025 for operating the water and wastewater systems.

W&C Area Manager Chris McMahon stated that as they gain experience in operating the water and wastewater systems the costs become more predictable. With 27 months of operating information available the expenses associated with operating the systems are becoming well defined. The 2025 budget increase is limited to the area's average CPI for the past 12 months of 3.1%.

MOVED by Councilor Stephenson and seconded by Councilor Pistoresi to approve the Woodard & Curran 2025 Budget for operating the water and wastewater facilities. Motion carried unanimously.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE CASHMERE TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT

The Interlocal Cooperation Act permits local governmental entities to make the most efficient use of their powers by enabling them to cooperate based on mutual advantage.

The City of Cashmere and the Cashmere Transportation District are two separate legal entities, even though the CTBD board is comprised of the members of the City Council. The City is empowered to operate, maintain, construct, and reconstruct, public street infrastructure. The CTBD has taxing authority and can act on a request from the City Council to implement a sales tax to make transportation improvements consistent with existing state, regional, and local transportation plans. Anything above .1% would have to go to a vote of the people. TBD sales tax must align with the city's transportation plan and budget.

MOVED by Councilor Perry and seconded by Councilor Carlson to approve the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Cashmere and the Cashmere Transportation Benefit District. Motion carried unanimously.

INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT WITH GROWTH MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR GMA PERIODIC UPDATE GRANT-FY2025

The Growth Management Act (GMA) requires periodic updates to the comprehensive land use plan (Comp Plan) to be eligible for state grants for infrastructure projects and public benefit programs. Washington Department of Commerce is providing up to \$125,000 to update the Comp Plan. The city is requesting \$62,500 for activities which will occur in the 2024-2025 state budget biennium. The remainder of the available grant funds will be requested in the 2025-2026 state budget biennium.

MOVED by Councilor Pistoresi and seconded by Councilor Stephenson to approve the Interagency Agreement with Growth Management Services for GMA Periodic Update Grant for 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 05-2024 AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A MOBILE GENERATOR THROUGH SOURCEWELL

Proposed Resolution No. 05-2025 authorizes the purchase of a mobile generator through Sourcewell. Grant funds are the primary source of funding for the purchase at the cost of \$110,762 including tax.

MOVED by Councilor Johnson and seconded by Councilor Stephenson to approve Resolution No. 05-2024 authorizing the purchase of a mobile generator through Sourcewell. Motion carried unanimously.

PROGRESS REPORTS

W&C Project Manager Dorien McElroy reported the following:

Emergency Generator project emergency quick connections are almost complete.

SCADA project has a final punch list. A change order for more funds is needed.

2023 Annual Report was submitted to council.

W&C is involved in the Mill Road project, Douglas Street project and the Fruitful Pl. utility tie in.

Meeting with Warner Flats to exchange mutual aid information.
Upcoming meeting with Crunch Pak and their DOE officer to discuss permitting and processing.

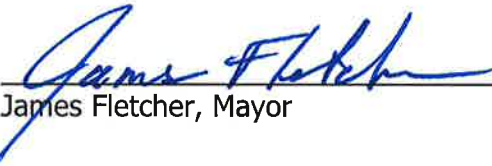
Director Steve Croci reported the following:

The crew has distributed new mulch in all the playgrounds.
Paving on E. Pleasant Street has been completed.
New Riverview Apartments on Aplets Way will soon be available to rent.
The crew has been repairing the streetlights on Tigner.
Cleaning up brush at the Center in preparation for the library moving in.
They will be replacing the snow stops at the WWTP

ADJOURNMENT

Before adjourning Mayor Fletcher scheduled a closed session for September 30th at 6:00 pm for collective bargaining.

The mayor adjourned the council meeting at 6:30 pm


James Fletcher, Mayor

Attest:


Kay Jones, Clerk-Treasurer