

MINUTES OF THE CASHMERE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 26, 2011 AT CASHMERE CITY HALL

OPENING

Mayor Irle opened the regular city council meeting at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. Clerk-Treasurer Kay Jones took minutes.

ATTENDANCE

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Mayor:	Gordon Irle	
Council:	Skip Moore Jim Fletcher Donna Wynne Debbie Knutsen	Jeff Gomes
Staff:	Bob Schmidt, Dir. of Operations Kay Jones, City Clerk-Treasurer Mark Botello, Dir. of Planning/Building	

FLAG SALUTE

EXCUSED ABSENCE

MOVED by Councilor Moore and seconded by Councilor Knutsen to excuse the absence of Councilor Jeff Gomes. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

Director of Operations Bob Schmidt reported the contractor has poured the second layer of the foundation wall for the Sunset Bridge and most of the water line is installed on the west end of the project.

Also, the city will be receiving 60% complete design and specs for the Wastewater Treatment Plant project.

Mayor Irle informed the council they were invited to the dedication and naming of the Museum park as "The Chief John Harmelt Park" on Saturday, October 1, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. The ceremony of dedication will kick off the beginning of the 2011 Apple Days Celebration.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED by Councilor Fletcher and seconded by Councilor Wynne to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of September 12, 2011 Regular City Council Meeting
Payroll and Claims Packet Dated September 26, 2011

Claims Check Nos. 31348 through 31371 and EFT 08/2011 totaling \$277,946.32
MOVED by Councilor Knutsen and seconded by Councilor Moore to approve the items on the

consent agenda. Motion carried.

SUNSET HIGHWAY PROJECT CHANGE ORDER NO. 1

Director Botello explained the change order, which includes deleting street texturing and a pedestrian crossing system, and adding cost impacts due to subsurface water, unsuitable soils, removal of pipe and an 18" culvert repair. The change order total is \$19,666.94

MOVED by Councilor Fletcher and seconded by Councilor Wynne to approve Change Order No. 1 for the Sunset Highway project. Motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICE AGREEMENT

The proposed Law Enforcement Agreement adds an additional compensation section regarding RiverCom services. The addition of RiverCom charges increases the Law Enforcement Agreement approximately \$40,000 annually. For the remaining 4th quarter of 2011 the cost for RiverCom is \$9,992.50, which is not in the current 2011 budget.

The County has determined the cost per deputy is \$155,399, which they will begin charging in 2013. The cost of law enforcement services in the proposed agreement are \$424,500 in 2012 and \$466,197 in 2013.

The proposed Law Enforcement Services Agreement is through 2013, the same as the previous agreement terminated by Chelan County. The proposed agreement shows an increase in 2012 from the previous agreement of \$70,639 and in 2013 the increase is approximately \$100,500 for the added RiverCom charges and the increase in enforcement service costs.

Director of Operations Bob Schmidt stated that he has been discussing the agreement with Leavenworth's City Administrator Joel Walinski. Cashmere and Leavenworth each pay for three deputies. Leavenworth is looking at options to reduce the number of deputies; one option he is looking at is private security. Director Schmidt recommended the council wait and meet with Leavenworth's Administrator to discuss possible options and a joint counter proposal.

Councilor Moore stated that he will not have rent-a-cops running around his city. Three deputies is already less than the 5 to 5.5 deputies that would be needed to provide 24 hour coverage 7 days a week.

Councilor Moore stated there may be sticker shock with the proposed agreement but the cost of the agreement is the actual cost of providing the services.

MOVED by Councilor Moore and seconded by Councilor Fletcher to approve the Law Enforcement Agreement as written. Motion carried.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR BRIDGE INSPECTION SERVICES

Director Botello stated the Angier Avenue Bridge requires an annual inspection pursuant to National Bridge Inspection Standards guidelines. The proposed interlocal agreement allows Chelan County staff engineer(s) to inspect the Angier Bridge. The County has been providing inspection services for free. There will now be a cost for inspecting the Angier Bridge, which is estimated at \$1500 annually.

MOVED by Councilor Knutsen and seconded by Councilor Fletcher to approve the Interlocal Agreement for Bridge Inspection Services. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 1192 VACATING A PORTION OF FOSTER STREET IN EXCHANGE FOR CERTAIN LAND LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF RIVER STREET

Director Botello stated that Crunch Pak has paid the \$3,750 and they have signed the warranty deed for the real property abutting River Street in exchange for vacating a portion of Foster Street as outlined in the proposed ordinance.

Councilor Knutsen again voiced her concern with vacating a portion of Foster Street leaving an alleyway only 19 feet wide. She would like to see the city keep at a minimum a 20 foot wide access. Knutsen stated that there is a limited amount of parking at the pool and the proposed vacation would eliminate the pool employee parking in the back.

MOVED by Councilor Wynne and seconded by Councilor Fletcher to adopt Ordinance No 1192 vacating a portion of Foster Street in exchange for certain land located on the east side of River Street. Motion carried with three voting in favor and Councilor Knutsen voting no.

GREATER WENATCHEE PUBLIC FACILITIES DISTRICT

Councilor Fletcher voiced concern regarding the Greater Wenatchee Public Facilities District. He has several questions he would like answered, but the City's legal firm is Ogden Murphy Wallace, which also represents the PFD so there is a conflict of interest. Councilor Moore stated that at the moment no one has any answers. Senator Linda Evans Parlette sent out a notice and invitation to the Mayors and County Elected Officials regarding a PFD Roundtable discussion with the State Treasurer's Office scheduled for September 30, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Town Toyota Center. The purpose of the meeting is to educate local leaders about the current financial challenges facing the Public Facilities administrators. Councilor Moore is planning on attending and he will report back to the council.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Director Schmidt reported on the Sunset project change order regarding the Mill Site water leak; after further review the City will not be constructing a water main across the old mill property in order to eliminate the existing water line that is leaking. The Mill Site water line replacement project cannot be solved through a change order since it is outside the scope of the project. The City will continue with the original plan to feed the old mill water system with the new 16" water main along Sunset Highway. Staff is hoping that the majority of the water leak is on the old section of water main that is being replaced along Sunset Highway.

Director Botello reported the request to change the functional classification of Railroad Avenue and Maple Street from local access to federal has been approved. With the approved change to federal classification he is now able to apply for federal grant funds.


EXECUTIVE SESSION – Union Negotiations

At 8:20 p.m. Mayor Irle closed the regular session to enter into an executive session to discuss union negotiations for approximately 20 minutes. No decisions will be made when regular session is reconvened.

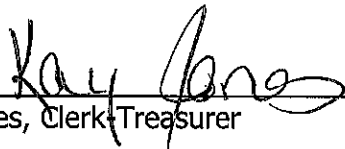
Mayor Irle reconvened the regular session at 8:50 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councilor Moore and seconded by Councilor Wynne to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.



Gordon Irle, Mayor

Attest: 

Kay Jones, Clerk-Treasurer