

MINUTES OF THE CASHMERE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY AUGUST 8, 2011 AT CASHMERE CITY HALL

OPENING

Mayor Pro Tem Jim Fletcher 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 (Mayor Pro-Tem) Donna Wynne Debbie Knutsen Jeff Gomes	
Staff:	Bob Schmidt, Dir. of Operations Kay Jones, City Clerk-Treasurer Mark Botello, Dir. of Planning/Building Chuck Zimmerman, City Attorney	

FLAG SALUTE

EXCUSED ABSENCES

MOVED by Councilor Knutsen and seconded by Councilor Moore to excuse the absence of Mayor Gordon Irle. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

Director Mark Botello reported that the Corps of Engineers have started on repairing the City's levy. The project will take four to five days to complete.

PUBLIC COMMENT

DonnaLee Moore residing at 311 Fisher Street voiced concern with the intersection of Pioneer and Evergreen. She believes it's a safety hazard and requested that the City look into putting a pedestrian crossing there.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED by Councilor Wynne and seconded by Councilor Gomes to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of July 25, 2011 Special Study Session Meeting
Minutes of July 25, 2011 Regular City Council Meeting
Payroll and Claims Packet Dated August 8, 2011
 Claims Check Nos. 31170 through 31217 totaling \$157,428.35
 Payroll Check Nos. 31139 through 31169 totaling \$113,396.66
Workers' Compensation Group Retro Program Participation Agreement

MOVED by Councilor Knutsen and seconded by Councilor Moore to approve the items on the consent agenda. Motion carried.

SOUTH WOODRING STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT EXTENSION

The City Council awarded the contract for the Mission/Woodring project to Hurst Construction at \$416,086. The council also approved additional funds up to \$430,000 for contingencies. According to the contract Hurst Construction has 25 days to complete the project. On August 4, 2011 Hurst Construction requested three additional days. In exchange for the additional days the contractor will saw-cut and remove the remaining concrete on Woodring Street to Cottage Avenue near the fire hall, at no charge. To complete Woodring Street the City would have to pay \$15,000 for the rock-base, asphalt and labor associated with the installation of those items. With the contingencies estimated at \$8,000 and the \$15,000 for the completion of Woodring Street the budget for the total contractor amount would be amended to \$440,000.

MOVED by Councilor Knutsen and seconded by Councilor Wynne to approve the Woodring Street project extension, completing Woodring from in front of City Hall to Cottage Avenue. Motion carried.

ECHOLON ENGINEERING AGREEMENT FOR UNDERWATER INSPECTION OF COTTAGE AVENUE BRIDGE

The proposed agreement is with Echelon Engineering for underwater inspection of the Cottage Avenue Bridge. In the past, WSDOT paid for the bridge inspections, which were coordinated and administered by Chelan County Public Works Department. WSDOT and Chelan County Public Works will no longer provide NBIS bridge inspection services to the cities in Chelan County for free. In 2011 the City has two required bridge inspections; the underwater inspection will cost \$2,631 and is required every 5 years. The other is a routine inspection of Angier Avenue Bridge which is required every year.

MOVED by Councilor Gomes and seconded by Councilor Wynne to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement with Echelon Engineering. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 1191 AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR 2011

MOVED by Councilor Gomes and seconded by Councilor Wynne to adopt Ordinance No. 1191 amending the budget for 2011. Motion carried.

PETITION TO VACATE A PORTION OF FOSTER STREET

Crunch Pak submitted a petition to vacate a portion of Foster Street, which abuts their property located at the intersection of Foster Street and Sunset Highway. The recorded Foster Street right-of-way is 38 feet wide. The proposed vacation would allow a 19 foot right-of-way access for Sam Foster, the back side of the City pool and a utility corridor.

In exchange for the Foster Street Vacation the City would receive real estate adjacent to Crunch Pak's property located adjacent to River Street. This real estate adjacent to River Street would allow the city to realign River Street during the Sunset Highway project or in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-2011 SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR VACATING A PORTION OF FOSTER STREET

MOVED by Councilor Moore and seconded by Councilor Knutsen to adopt Resolution No. 09-2011 setting a public hearing for vacating a portion of Foster Street. Motion carried.

CREATING A PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND FUND – COMBINING STREETS, CEMETERY, PARKS AND CITY POOL

MOVED by Councilor Fletcher and seconded by Councilor Gomes to authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to amend the budget creating the Public Works Fund and moving capital expenses to the Capital Improvement Fund as proposed.

CLERK-TREASURER REPORT ON THE PROPOSED PURCHASE OF GOVERNMENT AGENCY BONDS

Clerk-Treasurer Kay Jones reported she and broker Paul Jarvis of Time Value Investments have selected three government agency bonds to purchase and if the council has no objections she will purchase them in the morning. The bonds will be \$1 million each and the terms of the bonds are 2 ½, 3 and 3 ½ years. If all three bonds make it to maturity the average yield for all three is .845%.

Councilor Knutsen voiced her concerns with purchasing bonds; she believes the risk is higher than the LGIP, the City's money will be tied up and the interest isn't that much greater. The consensus of the rest of the council was to purchase the bonds.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Jim Fletcher adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Attest:

Kay Jones
Kay Jones, Clerk-Treasurer

Gordon R. Irl
Gordon Irl, Mayor