

MINUTES OF THE CASHMERE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2012 AT CASHMERE CITY HALL

OPENING

Mayor Jeff Gomes 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:	Jeff Gomes	
Council:	Skip Moore Jim Fletcher Donna Wynne Derek Knutsen John Bryant	
Staff:	Bob Schmidt, Dir. of Operations Kay Jones, City Clerk-Treasurer Mark Botello, Dir. of Planning/Building Chuck Zimmerman, City Attorney	

FLAG SALUTE

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

Mayor Gomes reminded the council of the special meeting with the Chamber on January 23rd at 6:00 p.m.

Councilor Jim Fletcher reported that he attended the meeting on Wednesday regarding the Public Facilities District. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss financing and funding options regarding the debt service on the PFD. East Wenatchee Mayor Steve Lacy's proposal seemed to be the best option.

Mayor Gomes informed the council that Mayor Steve Lacy will be at the January 23rd council meeting to present his financing and funding proposal. The PFD has scheduled another meeting on February 1st to see if they have support from all of the entities involved in the interlocal agreement in order to put the sales tax increase of 0.2% before the people for a vote.

Councilor Moore stated that Mayor Lacy already presented his proposal to the Chelan County Commissioners and they will give their answer regarding the PFD next Tuesday, January 17th.

Clerk-Treasurer Kay Jones announced that the December financial report will be submitted at the next council meeting after the open period closes on January 20th.

Mayor Gomes reported that he met with Jeff Smith from Chelan County PUD to discuss their plans for the City of Cashmere. The PUD has several interesting items to discuss at the Community Forum.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Stan Morse resides in the City of Chelan and is a former Chelan Council Member. Mr. Morse presented an opinion letter regarding the Public Facilities District and voiced his concerns on the

entities agreeing to pay for debt that they are clearly not responsible for and referenced Section 8 of the Interlocal Agreement which addresses limitation of liability.

Chris Carlson resides at 100 Pioneer Avenue and is a newly appointed Cashmere Planning Commissioner. Mr. Carlson is an architect and stated that he has followed the PFD from the very beginning. He was against the project from the beginning because the figures did not pencil out. Everything he said would happen has happened. Mr. Carlson voiced several concerns regarding Mayor Lacy's financial and funding plan. One of which is, if the City of Wenatchee can't pay their debt now what is the guarantee that they will be able pay back the entities after the bonds are paid. The entities should require collateral from the City of Wenatchee if they are going to approve the funding plan.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of December 12, 2011 Regular Study Session Meeting

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Payroll and Claims Packet Dated December 28, 2011

Claims Check Nos. 31679 through 31718 and EFT 11/2011 totaling \$235,713.20

Payroll check Nos. 31634 through 31678 totaling \$ 132,543.39

Schedule joint City Council and Planning Commission meeting February 13, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

Council confirmation of Mayor's appointments to various Boards and Commissions

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

CITY COUNCIL SELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM

MOVED by Councilor Moore and seconded by Councilor Bryant to appoint Councilor Jim Fletcher as the Mayor Pro Tem. Motion carried with four in favor and Councilor Fletcher abstaining.

NOTICE OF PHYSICAL COMPLETION FOR THE MISSION AVENUE & WOODRING STREET PROJECT

Erik Howe from RH2 Engineering informed the council that the Notice of Physical completion of the Mission Avenue and Woodring project is effective as of November 8, 2011. After receipt of all Affidavits of Wages Paid the completion date will be established for final acceptance and then the Notice of Completion of Public Works Contract form will be submitted to the Department of Revenue. The release of retainage may then occur.

MOVED by Councilor Bryant and seconded by Councilor Fletcher to authorize the Mayor to sign the Notice of Physical Completion for the Mission Avenue and Woodring Street Improvement project.

EASEMENT FOR THE LOWER WENATCHEE SMOLT TRAP SUPPORT STRUCTURES

City Attorney Chuck Zimmerman stated that the easement needs to be a two party agreement, which would require both parties to sign the agreement. Zimmerman also suggested the addition of hold harmless and indemnification language, insurance provision and pole removal after a period of no use. The revised easement will come back to council for approval.

RESOLUTION 01-2012 DESIGNATING A VOTING REPRESENTATIVE AND AN ALTERNATE TO THE NCRTPO

MOVED by Councilor Moore and seconded by Councilor Fletcher to approve Resolution 01-2012 designating Mayor Jeff Gomes as voting representative and Mark Botello as alternate to the NCRTPO. Motion carried.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Mayor Gomes, council and staff discussed the Community Forum agenda, the order of the agenda and the person or persons presenting which subjects.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – To Discuss Potential Litigation


Mayor Gomes closed the regular meeting at 7:51 p.m. to enter into an executive session to discuss potential litigation for approximately fifteen minutes. No action will be taken. At 8:15 p.m. the executive session was extended for an additional fifteen minutes. There was no public waiting.

Mayor Gomes reconvened the regular session at 8:31 p.m.

Director Botello announced that the sale of the Woodring parking lot closes tomorrow. The new owners are looking at building retail with apartments above.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Gomes adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m.



Jeff Gomes, Mayor

Attest:



Kay Jones, Clerk-Treasurer