

MINUTES OF THE CASHMERE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY JUNE 25, 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 Donna Wynne Derek Knutsen John Bryant	Jim Fletcher
Staff:	Bob Schmidt, Dir. of Operations Kay Jones, City Clerk-Treasurer Mark Botello, Dir. of Planning/Building	

FLAG SALUTE

EXCUSE ABSENCES

MOVED by Councilor Moore and seconded by Councilor Knutsen to excuse the absence of Councilor Fletcher. Motion Carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

Mayor Gomes reported that the public safety committee met to discuss the draft Public Safety report. There will be a joint meeting with the Cashmere and Leavenworth councils to discuss the final report at the end of July.

Cashmere Chamber President Laurie Shorett met with the Mayor to discuss an Economic Development Committee versus a Downtown Association. They will continue the discussion.

The term for Cashmere's representative on the PFD Board ends at the end of 2012.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Stan Morse resides in the City of Chelan; he introduced himself and informed the Council that he is running for Legislative Position 1 of the 12th District.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of June 11, 2012 Regular Study Session Meeting
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Payroll and Claims Packet Dated June 25, 2012

Claims Check No. 32219 through 32241 and EFT 05/2012 totaling \$81,596.21
Confirm appointment of Keith Webb to the Cashmere Community Foundation Board

MOVED by Councilor Moore and seconded by Councilor Bryant to approve the consent agenda.
Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 05-2012 DECLARING REAL PROPERTY AT THE END OF FISHER STREET SURPLUS

Donna Wynne recused herself and left the council chambers stating that she may be interested in the property.

Director Mark Botello explained that a letter was sent to all the property owners within 350 feet of the property at the end of Fisher Street; informing them that staff has made a recommendation to the City Council to declare the property surplus. The letter invited them to make comment and or attend the next council meeting at which the draft resolution declaring the property surplus would be discussed.

Mark Graham residing at 319 Fisher Street spoke on behalf of himself and his father Bruce Graham, who thought it a shame that the property that was the public garden for years was going to be sold and have a structure built there. If memory serves, when the well on the property was no longer in use and was removed, Bruce Graham remembers the city making promises to complete the street and curbing on Fisher Street. He would like to see this done if the property is going to be sold.

Director Botello explained that the proceeds from the sale of the property would be used for improving Riverside Park. He will list the proceeds as an additional match in the park grant application for Riverside Park. This will show that the City is matching in excess of the required amount of \$163,000 the City has already committed for the project. Showing the higher amount of matching funds in excess of what is required will add points to the city's application.

MOVED by Councilor Bryant and seconded by Councilor Moore to approve Resolution No. 05-2012 declaring real property at the end of Fisher Street surplus. Motion carried.

MOVED by Councilor Moore and seconded by Councilor Bryant to amend the last sentence of page one to read; City General Fund to be used for improvements to the City-owned Riverside Park. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 05-2012 as amended carried.

BID AWARD RECOMMENDATION FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADES

Bids for the Wastewater Treatment Plant were opened on Tuesday, June 19th. The lowest bidder was non-responsive by failing to submit a subcontractor list within one hour of bid opening. The following day they withdrew their bid, exercising the provision of Article 16.02 in the instruction to bidders.

The bids ranged from \$12,195,175, which was withdrawn, to \$17,959,297. The second lowest bidder, Harbor Pacific Contractors Inc. became the apparent low bidder at \$13,063,885, which is \$898,145 below the engineers estimate.

The recommendation is to award the bid for the City of Cashmere Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrades project to Harbor Pacific Contractors, Inc.

MOVED by Councilor Moore and seconded by Councilor Wynne to award the Wastewater Treatment Facility bid to Harbor Pacific Contractors Inc. subject to USDA-RD and WSDOE approval and acceptance of the recommended list of suppliers.

BUDGET AMENDMENT – TRANSFERRING \$500,000 FROM WASTEWATER TO THE CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT

Clerk-Treasurer Kay Jones explained that a budget amendment is needed to transfer \$500,000 from the Water/Wastewater Fund to the Wastewater Construction Account to pay for the Riverfront Utility Extension Project. The invoices need to be paid and the interim financing will not be in place until USDA approves the bid award. The City is expecting to get reimbursed for the project and any funds remaining after the project is completed will go back to the Wastewater Fund.

MOVED by Councilor Bryant and seconded by Councilor Knutsen to approve the budget amendment to transfer \$500,000 to the Wastewater Construction Account. Motion carried.

TOM DAVIS CONTRACT FOR PUBLIC SAFETY ANALYSIS – REQUEST TO INCREASE THE \$4,000 CONTRACT LIMIT

Tom Davis estimates an additional 5-10 hours to cover the final edits and to present and facilitate the joint meeting with council in July. The estimated addition to the initial contract would be \$900 to \$1,400 to complete the work started.

MOVED by Councilor Bryant and seconded by Councilor Wynne to amend the \$4,000 limit in the Tom Davis contract to \$5,400, of which Cashmere will pay half. Motion carried.

REQUEST FROM BLUE STAR GROWERS FOR AN URBAN GROWTH AMENDMENT

Blue Star Growers recently purchased property located east of the Old Monitor intersection with Hwy 2 in the county. Blue Star has requested that this property be accepted into the Urban Growth Area boundary and are willing to pay the associated costs.

MOVED by Councilor Moore and seconded by Councilor Knutsen to move forward with the urban growth amendment. Motion carried.

REQUEST FROM BLUE STAR GROWERS TO EXTEND CURRENT FAVORABLE WATER RATES FOR AN ADDITIONAL 20 YEARS

In 1995 Blue Star transferred to the City a water right of 352 acre-feet. In exchange the City entered into an agreement with Blue Star Growers that froze their water rates for a period of 20 years. The agreement giving Blue Star favorable water rates expires at the end of 2014. Blue Star Growers sent a letter requesting that the Cashmere City Council extend Blue Star's current water rates for an additional 20 year period.

Staff was able to go back five years and estimated the financial benefit to Blue Star Growers for that period was approximately \$75,000. The benefit to the end of the contract if volumes remain constant will be in excess of \$30,000. The financial benefit for the period prior to the last five years is unknown. Consensus was that Blue Star Growers received an equitable benefit for the water rights transfer and it would be hard to justify paying for the water rights twice.

MOVED by Councilor Moore and seconded by Councilor Wynne to deny the request to extend the favorable water rates to Blue Star Growers. Motion carried.

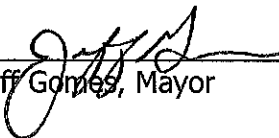
PROGRESS REPORTS

Director Mark Botello reported he will be going to Olympia in August to make a presentation on the grant application for Riverside Park. Also, he will be applying for federal funds in July for Railroad Avenue.

Director Bob Schmidt reported that the well drillers at Riverside Park are 25 feet deep. They hope to finish tomorrow. Also, the pipeline is in on the Riverfront Drive utility extension project. They still have to repair the road and clean up.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Gomes adjourned the meeting at 7:55p.m.



Jeff Gomes, Mayor

Attest: 

Kay Jones, Clerk-Treasurer