

MINUTES OF THE CASHMERE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY JUNE 11, 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> |
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| 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 | |

FLAG SALUTE

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

Councilor Fletcher stated that everyone on the council received an email from Kim Sweeny advocating for a skate park. He forwarded a copy to the Mayor and suggested the topic be turned over to the Park Committee for discussion.

Director Bob Schmidt informed the council that the PUD arborist was out looking at the trees on Pioneer and Evergreen. There are three trees on Evergreen that need to be taken out that are pretty sickly and the trees along Pioneer that have been topped need to be trimmed again. The arborist proposed removing the trees instead of trimming. Since the trees would be removed at no cost to the City, Director Schmidt signed a permission slip to remove the trees along Pioneer and three trees on Evergreen. The City will be looking at replanting evergreens that won't grow taller than twenty feet.

Mayor Gomes announced that May Financial Reports are on the website.

Also, he informed the council that the Cashmere Museum and Pioneer Village are honoring the Simpson Family as Founding Family of the Year 2012. There will be a Founders' Day Tea/Reception at the Museum on June 23rd and they would like a representative from the City Council to attend. Councilor Donna Wynne volunteered to represent the City.

Mayor announced a Public Safety meeting with Leavenworth June 18th at Cashmere City Hall. A draft report from Tom Davis should be out by the end of this week to review before the meeting.

Mayor Gomes complimented the Parks department and all the other crew members that helped on having a very successful Memorial Day. The Mayor received several comments on how good

the Cemetery looked this year.

Mayor Gomes stated that his letter of resignation from the PFD Board and the endorsement from the Chamber appointing Tony Freytag is self explanatory. The item is on the consent agenda.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of May 29, 2012 Regular City Council Meeting

Payroll and Claims Packet Dated June 11, 2012

Claims Check No. 32158 through 32160 totaling \$582,673.94

Payroll Check No. 32153 through 32157 totaling \$92,455.66

Accept Jeff Gomes resignation from PFD Board and confirm appointment of Tony Freytag

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

CASHMERE ART AND ACTIVITIES CENTER REQUEST FOR GRANT OF \$1,500 LODGING TAX FUNDS

The Cashmere Art and Activities Center has created a rack card for distribution. Councilor Fletcher suggested the center work with the Chamber and the Wenatchee Visitor Bureau on distribution ideas and locations.

MOVED by Councilor Wynne and seconded by Councilor Fletcher to approve the grant request of \$1500 of lodging tax funds to the Cashmere Art and Activities Center, along with a letter with suggestions on distribution. Motion carried

WASTEWATER SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN MT. CASHMERE (CRUNCH PAK) AND CITY OF CASHMERE

The majority of the new wastewater agreement is familiar to the City Council since the City and Crunch Pak have been negotiating for quite awhile. A few of the final amendments include the level at which the City is able to accept wastewater and the change from the current limit of a maximum of 70,000 gallons per day to the new proposed maximum of 150,000 gallons per day. RH2 Engineering and City staff have scrutinized the numbers carefully. The agreement is subject to DOE final approval.

MOVED by Councilor Moore and seconded by Councilor Bryant to authorize the Mayor to sign the Wastewater Services Agreement. Motion carried.

FRANCHISE EXTENSION AGREEMENT

The negotiation of a new franchise agreement with Falcon Video Communications, locally know as Charter, has taken much longer than anticipated. The existing franchise agreement needs to be extended again in order to continue and complete the negotiation of a new franchise.

MOVED by Councilor Bryant and seconded by Councilor Knutsen to approve the Franchise Extension Agreement. Motion carried.

AGREEMENT OF SETTLEMENT & RELEASE BETWEEN NEW CINGULAR WIRELESS AND CITY OF CASHMERE

The City received a claim from New Cingular Wireless seeking the refund of \$2,114.32 in local utility taxes. New Cingular has agreed to accept a credit against future utility tax in the amount of \$1,793.98, which is \$.85 on the dollar.

MOVED by Councilor Fletcher and seconded by Councilor Wynne to approve the Agreement of Settlement & Release between New Cingular Wireless and the City. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ON SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Planning Director Mark Botello suggested that Council declare the empty lot on Fisher Street surplus so it can be sold as a buildable lot. The City purchased the lot for Well No. 9, which is no longer in use. The neighborhood used the lot as a public garden for years, but stopped taking care of it. The City started maintaining the lot to keep the weeds under control. The Parks department has been watering and mowing the lot for years so any proceeds from selling the property would belong to the Parks department not the Water department. The sale of the property would save maintenance costs and the proceeds could be used for capital improvements for Riverside Park, which benefits the public.

MOVED by Councilor Fletcher and seconded by Councilor Wynne to draft a resolution declaring the property on Fisher Street surplus and to notify the neighborhood that it will be on the agenda for discussion. Motion carried.

CASHMERE FIRE DEPARTMENT BY-LAWS

Attorney Chuck Zimmerman reviewed and approved the proposed changes to the Cashmere Fire Department By-Laws. The only amendment he proposed was to Article #10; "shall be approved by the City Council" should be amended to "shall be effective only upon approval of the City Council."

MOVED by Councilor Fletcher and seconded by Councilor Bryant to approve the by-laws as amended in Article #10 by the City Attorney. Motion carried.

CHANGE ORDERS NO. 1 AND NO. 2 TO RIVERFRONT DRIVE UTILITY EXTENSIONS

Change Order No. 1 is for the relocation of a double check valve assembly on the 12 inch ductile water line. The total cost for Change Order No. 1 is \$693.07.

Change Order No. 2 is a result of removing and replacing approximately 100 feet of 10 inch PVC sewer force main in the narrow section of Riverfront Drive and for over-excavating the ditch and placing crushed rock with a layer of geofabric material on top to build a solid base to install the new water pipe because they encountered a large amount of water and sand at the water main bury depth. The total cost for Change Order No. 2 is \$55,146.23.

MOVED by Councilor Fletcher and seconded by Councilor Knutsen to approve Change Orders No. 1 and 2 for Riverfront Drive Utility Extensions as submitted. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS FOR WASTEWATER REGIONALIZATION

Director Bob Schmidt explained that the PUD has been exploring the idea of regionalizing wastewater treatment in the Wenatchee River Valley. They invested in a cost estimate for a conveyance system to pipe wastewater from Peshastin and Dryden to Cashmere. They are trying to find the best and least costly long-term solution for their wastewater customers in

Peshastin and Dryden.

The next step would be to do a financial analysis to determine if the concept makes sense from a financial stand point for the City's wastewater customers and utility system. The estimate for FCS Group to do an analysis is \$10,830.

The consensus of the council was to do nothing at this time. If the PUD wants to have a financial analysis done to show that regional treatment would be a benefit to the City of Cashmere, the PUD should pay for the analysis.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Councilors Jim Fletcher and John Bryant reviewed the 2011 Annual Financial Report as required by the State Auditors.

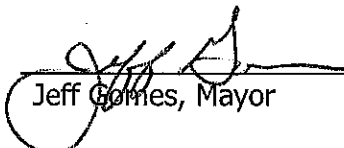
Director Botello informed the council about a pilot program through Department of Natural Resources (DNR). They will come out and do a tree inventory at no cost to the City. The City is a Tree City USA and we are supposed to have an inventory of our trees. Director Botello would like to purchase the GIS software that DNR offers for \$1,000. The DNR inventory will be put into the program and the City would be able to maintain the inventory in the future.

Other than a couple of finishing touches, the downtown canopies are complete. The canopies and the downtown area look great.


Mayor Gomes adjourned the regular session at 8:28 p.m. to enter into an executive session to discuss union negotiations for approximately twenty minutes. No action will be taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – To discuss Union Negotiations

Executive session was entered into at 8:28 p.m. and adjourned at 9:04 p.m.



Jeff Gomes, Mayor

Attest: 

Kay Jones, Clerk-Treasurer