

MEETING OF THE CITY OF CONNELL, WASHINGTON

CONNELL, FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

August 14, 2006

The regular semi-monthly meeting, of the City Council of the City of Connell was called to order by the Mayor at 7:30 pm in the City Hall and was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Gary Walton, Mayor Pro Tem Ron Boyer, Councilmembers Jim Klindworth, Rhonda Quinton and Monica Pruett.

EXCUSED: Councilmember Kent Mosbrucker

STAFF: City Administrator Art Tackett, City Clerk Treasurer Joan Eckman, Police Chief Rick Rochleau, City Attorney Terry Tanner, Consulting Engineer Larry Seibel, Public Works Supervisor Larry Turner, Building and Planning Clerk Jed Crowther and Deputy Clerk Treasurer Maria ChavezPeña.

VISITORS: Kevin Loesch, Larry Hueter, Rob Herzog, DOC; Alan Schroeder, Anderson Perry; Lynda Bradner; Hazy's; James Ferguson, Ross Bushong, Melissa Bushong, Fast & The Past Car Show; Don Bigelow; and Kathy Bingham, Franklin County Graphic.

APPOINTMENTS

Motion: Councilmember Klindworth moved to appoint Bruce Bowen to the Planning Commission. Councilmember Boyer seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Boyer inquired about the expenditure for weed control at the farm and about limits for authorization of expenditures for department heads.

Motion: Councilmember Quinton moved to approve the Consent Calendar as listed.

- a) Minutes of the July 24, 2006 Regular Council Meeting
- b) Warrant Register for July 28, 2006 for \$2,520.00.
- c) Warrant Register for July 31, 2006 for \$16,416.00.
- d) Warrant Register for August 2, 2006 for \$147.60.
- e) Warrant Register for August 2, 2006 for \$2,000.00
- f) Warrant Register for August 11, 2006 for \$3,525.33.
- g) Warrants for August 14, 2006 for \$528,889.98
- h) Payroll for August 14, 2006 for \$12,954.27
- i) Motion to surplus vehicles as listed on attachment

Councilmember Pruett seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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CITIZEN COMMENT/NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Linda Bradner, owner of Hazy's, requested permission to close the street on Columbia Ave for their yearly street dance during Fall Festival weekend.

Motion: Councilmember Pruett moved to allow the street to be closed for the Bradners street dance. Councilmember Quinton seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Kevin Loresch, of CRCC, introduced Rob Herzog, Associate Superintendent at Airway Heights Correction Center, who would be the contact person for impacts on the prison expansion.

Donn Bigelow, citizen, expressed the need to eradicate puncture vines (goatheads). Mr. Bigelow requested that the City utilize CRCC work crews, or other means, to eradicate this weed or at least bring it under control from public spaces (street right-of-ways, alleys, parks). Mr. Bigelow requested that the City request that the citizens also dispose of this weed properly.

Councilmember Klindworth commented that he and Councilmember Boyer had met and discussed several concerns. The first concern was with the practice of waiving certain traffic violations and would like to set a policy for parameters for the court to use.

Their next concern was with the fowl issue. Police Chief Rochleau had been quoted in the Franklin County Graphic as saying that after the first warning the ordinance would be enforced on a complaint bases only but that the ordinance did not state that. Officers needed to take action if they saw chickens and not wait for complaints.

Councilmember Klindworth also brought up a concern in regards to seeing two to three Connell patrol officers, especially on main street, especially on Sunday mornings, and that it came to his attention and many others that the City had an elaborate police budget to allow that kind of police activity in a small town. Councilmember Klindworth was not aware of the present police policy concerning that type of activity and inquired about Councilmember Mosbrucker's request for the cost benefit of patrolling SR 395.

Councilmember Klindworth inquired about the Pioneer Park project and the IAC project for the School. Councilmember Klindworth inquired about the timeline and the financial situation concerning these projects.

Chief Rochleau communicated that he had provided the SR 395 information to Councilmember Mosbrucker at the last Council meeting and that as for Sunday mornings there was only one officer on duty at a time. Shift change was at 6:00 am and pm, where often officers would meet to exchange information. They usually would meet somewhere on Columbia Ave.

Councilmember Boyer expressed that the perception was that there were two to three officers sitting talking and suggested that maybe they meet at the Police Station to exchange information.

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Walton made the following changes to the Agenda:

- 1) Tabled Agenda Item No. 8
- 2) Added Agenda Item No. 18 a) Personnel Performance to be discussed in executive session with only the Councilmember, Mayor, and City Administrator,
- 3) Agenda Item No. 15 was moved into Executive Session.

Motion: Councilmember Klindworth moved to approve the agenda as changed. Councilmember Pruett seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

CAR SHOW UPDATE

Ross Bushong thanked the Council for their support of the Fast and the Past car show and asked for their continued support of \$500 and items for the goodie bags. Mr. Bushong provided the schedule for the 2006 Car Show and also brought t-shirts and one of the trophies, designed and made by JR. and Liz Bernal, to show to Council. 57 trophies were being made for the show.

CRCC PRISON EXPANSION – NORTH END WATER MAIN PROJECT

Alan Schroeder of Anderson Perry reported that the project was rapidly coming to an end. Punch list items had been identified, a pre-final inspection would be done within the next couple of weeks.

Motion: Councilmember Quinton moved to approve Change order No. 1 to Pegram in the amount of \$60,098.40. Councilmember Pruett seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Councilmember Boyer moved to approve Application for Pay Estimate No. 2 to Pegram in the amount of \$370,196.86. Councilmember Pruett seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Alan Schroeder continued that the project had gone well and that he was looking forward to the booster pump, reservoir, and wastewater work, which were all dependant on land. An appraisal should be received in October, once it was received the City would move forward with the design work. Not much would be going on over the next month and a half.

BUSINESS OFFICE SOFTWARE

Finance Clerk-Treasurer Eckman provided that the price quote for software replacement and conversion received from Harris was \$29,720. The price did not include printers for the front desk. Other software sub systems could be added to the system later. There had been a question in regards to payroll draws. The current Harris system did not handle draws but Harris staff provided that their software development team was looking into including that into the application in the near future.

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Councilmember Klindworth inquired as to how long staff expected the software to last.

City Clerk Treasurer Eckman supplied that Harris would provide updates at no charge, and did not know how long the software would last but that Harris would be here long term.

Motion: Councilmember Pruett moved to authorize staff to go into contract with Harris to start conversion files and to put the software purchase in the 2007 budget. Councilmember Boyer seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

FIRE EXITING CODES – CRCC EXPANSION

Building-Planning Clerk Crowther presented a request received by Tim Rundquist, Project Manager of CRCC expansion, to use the NFPA standard for exiting residential facilities at CRCC. Lance Talley, State Fire Marshall's office, indicated that the NFPA Code was more specific for exiting requirements at correction facilities.

Motion: Councilmember Klindworth moved to approve the request for fire NFPA exiting codes for the CRCC expansion and to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter indicating approval. Councilmember Pruett seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-08 – VACATION OF ALLEY – FLORIAN NORDHUS

Building-Planning Clerk Crowther presented a petition received from Florian Nordhus to vacate the alley at 529 North Fifth Ave.

Motion: Councilmember Pruett moved to adopt Resolution No. 2006-08 setting a Public Hearing to vacate the alley for September 11th, 2006. Councilmember Quinton seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-09 0 EXPANDING PLANNING FEES

City Administrator Tackett discussed staff had gone through the planning fees and realized that some of the fees had been dropped when the new planning ordinances had been adopted. The fees were set up to retrieve the cost expended by the City when processing land use requests for advertising, letters, etc.

Mayor Walton read Resolution No. 2006-09 and asked for a motion.

Motion: Councilmember Pruett moved to adopt Resolution No. 2006-09 establishing planning fees. Councilmember Boyer seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

STREET PROJECT APPROVAL

City Administrator Tackett presented project estimates for the completion of Old Town streets and the asphaltting of alleys between Columbia Ave and Almira, Borah to Adams, and Adams to Franklin. The projects would be completed in the spring.

Two other project mentioned included the street by the Grange and the alley between the State shop and the Quick Mart.

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Motion: Councilmember Klindworth moved to authorize staff proceed with the engineering for the two projects presented and the additional two projects mentioned. Councilmember Pruett seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

EXCAVATION FEES – RESOLUTION NO. 2006-10

Building-Planning Clerk Crowther furnished that the Construction Standards book provided for establishing excavation fees. Former Public Works Director Munyan had previously presented a fee schedule and recommended Council establish excavation and paving fees to provide fair and consistent standards for future development.

Motion: Councilmember Boyer moved to adopt Resolution No. 2006-210 establishing grading fees. Councilmember Quinton seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING RECESSED

Mayor Walton recessed the regular meeting at 8:45 pm to go into Executive Session for approximately thirty minutes to discuss personnel performance, property issues, and contract for services for Larry Seibel.

MEETING RECONVENED

Mayor Walton reconvened the regular meeting at 9:16 pm and the following was heard before the City Council.

SERVICE CONTRACT AMENDMENT – LARRY SEIBEL

Motion: Councilmember Klindworth moved to increase the contract amount to \$7,000 per month for six months with the caveats that Mr. Seibel find it acceptable and that Mr. Seibel advise the City Treasurer on how the money was to be paid into expenses and wages. Councilmember Pruett seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

PROPERTY ISSUE

Mayor Walton advised that there was a counter offer to an agreement to purchase with Connell Development LLC.

Motion: Councilmember Pruett moved to offer the agreement to sell and purchase real estate and to authorize the Mayor to sign. Councilmember Boyer seconded, motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE / DEPARTMENT REPORTS

COMMITTEE REPORTS – City Administrator Tackett

There would be no Planning Commission on August 15th.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT – City Attorney Terry Tanner

- 1) Had a constitutional challenge in Court on the seatbelt law, the judge ruled the law to be constitutional.
- 2) Would add Apollo to the agenda for the next meeting to discuss.

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CONNELL POLICE DEPARTMENT – Police Chief Rick Rochleau

- 1) Had to arrest an individual at the Community Center who ended up kicking out one of the patrol car windows.
- 2) Had received a report of a stolen car, turned out to be a case of mistaken identity and the car was returned.
- 3) Had a few car prowls.
- 4) Contacted some individuals in regards to chickens, gave them until the 15th to get rid of them.
- 5) Had some people in court due to pit bulls.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT – Public Works Supervisor Larry Turner

- 1) Had been busy working on wells. Well #9 was up and working. Well #4 was taken down for repairs and put back into service. More work would be done to Well #4 in a couple of weeks. Work was done on Well #10. Well #8 was taken down. Well #5 was taken down to have its meter replaced.
- 2) Work continuing at Pioneer Park, land was being leveled, the skate park and basketball court would be looking presentable for Fall Festival. Working on the plans for the parking lot. Dealing with rock and gas line issues.
- 3) Had a water leak on Almira.
- 4) Provided a list of active permits to Council.
- 5) Putting Dana Harron's waterline in.
- 6) Working on weeds.
- 7) Discussed dumping at the City Shop. Would be getting a chipper to help with part of the mess at the shop. Would look into the cost of putting slats into the fence.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – City Administrator Art Tackett

- 1) Secretary Clark would be at the prison on the 24th.
- 2) Would be attending an AWC meeting August 15th.
- 3) Would be meeting with the Real Estate Committee Wednesday at 4:30 pm.
- 4) Received three statements for qualifications for the prison expansion impacts.
- 5) Looking at setting the Council retreat for sometime in September.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Garland Walton

Had not heard back from Franklin County in regards to the fire contract. The thermal imager had gone out, estimated repair cost was \$4,000.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business to be heard before the City Council, Mayor Walton adjourned the meeting at 9:45 pm.

ATTEST: _____
Maria T. ChavezPeña, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

Garland D. Walton, Mayor