

MEETING OF THE CITY OF CONNELL, WASHINGTON

CONNELL, FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

September 25, 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 Kent Mosbrucker, Rhonda Quinton and Monica Pruett.

EXCUSED: Councilmember Jim Klindworth
Motion: Councilmember Boyer moved to excuse Councilmember Klindworth from the meeting, who was away on business. Councilmember Pruett seconded.

STAFF: City Administrator Art Tackett, Police Chief Rick Rochleau, City Clerk Treasurer Joan Eckman and Public Works Maintenance Sterling Joyner.

VISITORS: Scott Frakes, DOC; Alan Schroeder, Anderson Perry; and Kathy Bingham, Franklin County Graphic.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 1) City of Othello – Invitation to a signing ceremony, Thursday, October 5th, uniting the City of Othello and Wulensi, Ghana, Africa.
- 2) Mid-Columbia Earth Month & Community Clean-up – Looking for representatives to help coordinate clean up projects in Connell each April.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- a) Minutes of the September 11, 2006 Regular Council Meeting, with a correction to page 4, under Ordinance No. 813, corrected to read “Councilmember Quinton moved...” instead of “Councilmember Pruett moved...”.
- b) Warrant Register of September 9, 2006 for \$2,104.95
- c) Warrant Register of September 12, 2006 for \$51,743.60
- d) Warrants for September 25, 2006 for \$62,123.35
- e) Payroll for September 25, \$90,775.53
- f) Motion to surplus vehicles as listed on attachment

Councilmember Pruett seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN/NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmember Quinton inquired about the status of the Energy Park.

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City Administrator Tackett reported that there had not been a lot of activity concerning the Energy Park but that he had kept in contact with everyone and that it had been kept alive.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Councilmember Quinton moved to approve the agenda as listed. Councilmember Pruett seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

GENERAL PROJECT STATUS – ANDERSON PERRY

Alan Schroeder reported on the following projects:

Department of Correction –

The North End Water Main Project was in the closeout phase. All other DOC water/sewer utility development projects were waiting for the land appraisal expected from the Bureau of Reclamation. Water and sewer improvements were dependent on the location of the land that would be used.

Water System Plan –

The Water System Plan had been submitted to the Department of Health for their review. Mr. Schroeder suggested Council discuss a rate adjustment to keep up with inflation.

Well No. 6 –

Well No. 6 would be taken off line by City staff after the peak water season, for further evaluation.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Permit –

The Wastewater Treatment Plant permit was due for renewal in 2007, the permit process usually started six months prior to renewal.

Water Slide Equipment –

Had been collecting price information and product information from slide manufactures and various equipment information for pumps and filters from equipment suppliers. The request for equipment bids would be modeled on the quote submitted from Natural Structures. Mr. Schroeder supplied Council with a diagram of the proposed slides.

City Administrator noted that the City would need to hire two additional lifeguards to man the slides.

Councilmember Pruett inquired if the City would need to hire trained lifeguards or just people to watch as the slides did not go into a pool.

City Administrator advised that he would go over the requirements with the Department of Health in the spring.

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IMPACT FUNDS – EXTRA 200 BEDS

City Administrator Tackett advised that he had met with DOC staff Friday morning in Olympia. The outcome of that meeting was that there needed to be a meeting between the Council and DOC upper management. A Special Council meeting was set for October 16th at 7:00 pm. It would be expected that a decision would be made that night.

IMPACT FUNDS – PRISON EXPANSION

City Administrator Tackett reported that three consultants had been interviewed in regards to the impact analysis for the prison expansion. When those on the committee were polled comments were made as to wanting someone who was close by and that Chase could have the analysis done in six months where JD White would take a year.

Motion: Councilmember Boyer moved to contract with Chase Economics to provide a prison expansion impact study. Councilmember Pruett seconded, motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY CENTER COMMITTEE

Mayor Walton reported that the Committee had met September 19. One item brought up was purchasing enough tables and chairs to serve full occupancy, that cost would be approximately \$6,200, more carts would need to be purchased to hold the additional tables and chairs. Another item brought up was the alarm on the kitchen door, the alarm would go off and have to be reset during events or would be turned off, people needed to be able to go in and out of the kitchen. Some members brought up that they felt it was unfair that some groups were able to use the center without charge because of their 501C3 designation. Some also felt that the Community Center Agreement was confusing and they would like to work on making some changes. The Committee discussed making changes to the fees and bringing the deposit up to the maximum deposit for everyone. The next Community Center Committee meeting would be held October 12th.

City Administrator Tackett added that there were some who did not like the eagle at the Community Center.

REQUEST FROM HIGH SCHOOL ART CLASS

The High School Art Class had asked permission to paint an eagle on the water reservoir across from the school. Two drawings were submitted for review and they requested the City help pay for the cost of the paint.

Alan Schroeder provided that the right type of paint would need to be used so that it would adhere to the surface of the tower.

Consensus of the Council was to proceed with the picture of the eagle with the brown feathers and to have Connell written above it.

Motion: Councilmember Boyer moved to allow the Art Class paint the eagle on the water tower with the maximum expenditure of \$1,500 for paint. Councilmember Pruett and Quinton seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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COMMITTEE / DEPARTMENT REPORTS

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – City Administrator Art Tackett

- 1) Would be meeting with the Park and Rec Committee on September 26th to discuss interest in a BMX track.
- 2) The concrete slap had been poured for the Skate Park and participation had increased. Would be receiving information on cost for additional equipment.
- 3) More equipment was planned for Pioneer Park for the 2007 Budget (basketball court, zero depth splash pool)
- 4) Finance Committee meetings September 29th at 7:00 am at the City Hall and October 4th at 7:00 am at Michael Jays.
- 5) Would be attending a Rail Safety meeting September 26 in Spokane.
- 6) Special Council Meeting October 16th at 7:00 pm to meet with DOC in regards to the extra 200 beds.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business to be heard before the City Council Mayor Walton adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm.

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

Garland D. Walton, Mayor