

MEETING OF THE CITY OF CONNELL, WASHINGTON
CONNELL, FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

October 30, 2006

The Special Council Meeting/Budget Workshop of the City Council of the City of Connell, was called to order by Councilmember Klindworth at 6:05 pm at Michael Jay's Restaurant.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Councilmembers Monica Pruet, Rhonda Quinton, Kent Mosbrucker and Jim Klindworth.

EXCUSED: Mayor Gary Walton, Mayor Pro Tem Ron Boyer

STAFF: City Administrator Art Tackett, City Clerk Treasurer Joan Eckman, Chief of Police Rick Rochleau, Accounting Clerk Jeri Reinauer, Accounting Clerk Jeannie Norstedt, Public Works Supervisor Larry Turner, , and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Maria ChavezPeña

VISITORS: Kathy Bingham, Franklin County Graphic

ORDER OF BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-13- ADOPTING STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS FOR ROAD, BRIDGE, AND MUNICIPAL CONSTRUCTION

City Administrator Tackett provided that the City had adopted Construction Standards in March and that after review by Mr. Siebel it was determined that there were some errors with the Construction Standards adopted. Given the amount of development taking place in the community it was felt that the City should adopt Washington State Department of Transportation's Standard Specifications for Road, Bridge, and Municipal Construction.

Public Works Supervisor Turner expressed that changes would be made to the Construction Standards that had previously been adopted and would later be brought back to Council.

Motion: Councilmember Mosbrucker moved to adopt Resolution No. 2006-13 adopting standard specifications. Councilmember Pruet seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

SPECIAL MEETING ADJOURNED

Councilmember Klindworth adjourned the Special Council Meeting at 6:10 pm.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

City Administrator Tackett provided Council with the City's Operating Budget from 2000 until 2005 and projections for the 2006 through 2009 budgets. In 2005 there was a drop in revenue received for Natural Gas Utility tax due to the City lowering the tax from 6% to 5% and putting a cap on gas tax paid by Lamb Weston. Projections for 2006, 2007, and 2008 were high due to construction of the prison expansion.

City Clerk Treasurer Eckman went over the proposed 2007 Budget. The total revenue projections for \$3,241,850 which was approximately double the 2006 Budget.

Council and staff discussed staffing options for 2007. Councilmember Mosbrucker suggested a job survey analysis be done.

The need for a new fire truck was discussed. City Administrator Tackett would call DOC to get the ball rolling for the new fire truck.

City Clerk Treasurer Eckman also noted that money that had been allocated to the Fall Festival, Car Show, Connell Float, Fourth of July, and Food Bank had been moved into Community Advertising as Hotel/Motel funds could only be used for advertising. City Clerk Treasurer Eckman suggested guidelines be established for advertising.

City Clerk Treasurer Eckman provided information on the Capital Facilities Reserve Fund which was a fund established to provide money to go towards capital project when needed.

Utility rate increases were discussed. City Clerk Treasurer Eckman noted that the Sanitation Fund was being impacted because of the extra dumpster pickups due to allowing citizens to utilize the dumpsters at the shop.

Deputy Clerk Treasurer ChavezPeña provided that information had been received on alternative insurance plans that would be of less cost to the City and requested that Council consider allowing employees the possibility of switching plans.

This item would be brought back at the next regular meeting.

The practice of taking city vehicles home was brought up.

WORKSHOP ADJOURNED

Mayor Walton adjourned the workshop at 8:27 pm.

Garland D. Walton, Mayor

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