

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

December 18, 2006

The Special Council Meeting of the City Council of the City of Connell was called to order by Mayor Walton at 7:00 pm at Connell City Hall.

ROLL CALL

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

STAFF: City Administrator Art Tackett and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Maria ChavezPeña

VISITORS: Jim Riddell, Tullamoor; and Scott Frakes, DOC.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NO. 811 – Amending Ordinance No. 798 Annexation of Hwy 260, Parnell, and Munyan

City Administrator Tackett provided that Ordinance No. 811 corrected the legal for SR 260 and had been submitted to Office of Financial Management and Department of Transportation.

Motion: Councilmember Mosbrucker moved to adopt Ordinance No. 811 amending the legal annexation description for SR 260. Councilmember Pruet seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

200 BED IMPACTS

City Administrator Tackett provided that the meeting that was expected to take place with DOC had been cancelled due to the weather. A staff member from DOC had make it in and met with city staff and looked over material provided by Anderson Perry. It was determined that more time was needed to review the material. A group would be set up with Councilmember Klindworth, Councilmember Pruet, Mayor Walton and City Administrator Tackett to review the material.

Council gave its consensus to appoint Councilmember Pruet and Councilmember Klindworth to the 200 Bed Impact Committee.

CONTRACT REVIEWS

City Administrator Tackett presented a proposal from Hay Group, located in California, to provide a job analysis for the City. The Hay Group was currently doing work for Franklin County and had worked with the Tri-Cities a number of years ago.

Councilmember Boyer expressed a concern with the job analysis cost of \$18,000 to \$23,000 plus out-of-pocket expenses.

Councilmember Mosbrucker expressed a concern with the focus of the scope of work emphasizing salaries when salaries were well established. The focus needed to be on current positions and positions needed.

City Administrator Tackett suggested going out for RFP's.

Motion: Councilmember Klindworth moved to table further discussion until the second meeting in January. Councilmember Boyer seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Tackett reported that he had met with Jared McPherson, Planning Director for Franklin County, and presented an Interlocal Agreement between Franklin County and the City to provide building inspection services. A decision needed to be made as to whether the City should hire a building inspector or contract for building inspection services. The City had contracted with Franklin County a number of years prior but stopped due to issues with the handling of building inspection and the ability to provide quick responses.

Council discussed the possibility of having the building/planning clerk attend training in order to do building inspections.

City Administrator Tackett expressed that the building/planning clerk had a heavy work load. It was expected that a building inspector would be needed by March or April.

Councilmember Boyer suggested the City contract for building inspection services until such time that the City was able to get someone on board to do the inspections.

Mayor Walton noted there were some issues with the contract which needed to be changed.

Council gave its consensus to table this issue until the second meeting in January.

City Administrator Tackett provided that the CRCC Expansion Impact Committee had discussed the need to pursue payment in lieu of taxes (PILT) for the prison expansion. Staff had contacted Chase Economics / Reed Hansen & Associates to perform a scope of services. It was expected that the cost would be between \$10,000 and \$12,500.

City Administrator Tackett suggested the cost be split three ways between the City, County, and School District.

Motion: Councilmember Klindworth moved to Contract with Chase Economics / Reed Hansen & Associates for a PILT contract with a total contract cost of \$12,500 with the City obligation at \$5,000. Councilmember Pruett seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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PERSONNEL ISSUES

To be discussed in executive session

MEETING RECESSED

Mayor Walton recessed the Special Meeting at 7:43 to go into executive session for approximately 30 minutes to discuss two personnel issues.

MEETING RECONVENED AND ADJOURNED

Mayor Walton reconvened the Special Meeting at 8:20 pm, there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Walton then adjourned the meeting.

Garland D. Walton, Mayor

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