

MEETING OF THE CITY OF CONNELL, WASHINGTON

CONNELL, FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

February 7, 2007

The regular semi-monthly meeting, of the City Council of the City of Connell was called to order by the Mayor at 7:00 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, Kent Mosbrucker and Monica Pruett.

STAFF: City Administrator Art Tackett, Police Chief Rick Rochleau, City Attorney Dan Hultgrenn, Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer Maria ChavezPeña, Public Works Director Larry Turner, and Engineer Larry Seibel.

VISITORS: Jim Riddell, Brian Iller, Tullamoor Development; Burl Booker; Daren Gibbons; Jasen Gibbons, Larry Hoffman JR; Alan Schroeder, Anderson Perry; and Kathy Bingham, Franklin County Graphic.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 1) Mayor and Council were provided a list of committees and members. Would be looking at making appointments to fill vacancies on various committees.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Klindworth clarified that the land being discussed for farming by Tullamoor on Page 2 of the January 16th meeting was for dry land farming. Councilmember Klindworth also expressed his opinion that minutes should not include third person statements such as those made by Scott Frakes on Page 2 of the January 22nd meeting in regards to the 200 Bed Impacts.

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

- a) Minutes of the January 8, 2007 Regular Council Meeting
- b) Minutes of the January 16, 2007 Special Council Meeting
- c) Minutes of the January 23, 2007 Regular Council Meeting
- d) Warrant Register for January 23, 2007 for 454.86
- e) Warrants for February 7, 2007 for \$127,436.54
- f) Payroll Register for January 23, 2007 for \$1,879.92

Councilmember Mosbrucker seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENT/NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmember Klindworth inquired about the effects of House Bill 1762, limiting contracts for correctional industry services.

MEETING OF THE CITY OF CONNELL
Regular Meeting – February 7, 2007

City Administrator Tackett advised he would bring this topic up at the legislative conference on February 13th.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS

PROJECT STATUS

Alan Schroeder reported that both the water and wastewater treatment expansions were starting to get underway. Staff had excavated test pits for the reservoir site and lagoon site. The design criteria needed to be finalized for both systems. The next element that would need to be finalized was the 200 Bed Expansion issue for CRCC. Staff had met with DOC on January 31st and progress had been made.

HEARING EXAMINER ORDINANCE

City Administrator Tackett reported that there was a draft ordinance establishing a Hearing Examiner. This had not yet been reviewed by the City Attorney. Hearing Examiner decisions would not be brought before the Council for appeals but would go before the Supreme Court.

Councilmember Boyer requested the words ‘for cause’ under Hearing Examiner Removal be stricken from the ordinance.

Motion: Councilmember Klindworth moved to table the Hearing Examiner Ordinance until the following Council meeting for review and approval by the City Attorney. Councilmember Boyer seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTORNEY CONTRACTS

City Prosecuting Attorney: Mayor Walton provided that he had received correspondence from Attorney Tanner in regards to continuing as the City Prosecuting Attorney. The hourly fee would be \$125 per hour, travel time at 1.5 hours would be billed, Legal Assistant time would be billed at ½ the hourly fee for paralegal work and secretarial typing would be billed at ¼ of the hourly fee.

This item was tabled until the following meeting in order to request a contract be written for Attorney Tanner.

City Attorney: Attorney Dan F. Hultgrenn stepped out of Council Chambers during the discussion on the Agreement for Legal Services.

MEETING OF THE CITY OF CONNELL
Regular Meeting – February 7, 2007

Mayor Walton provided that the hourly rate was at \$160, effective February 7, 2007. Attorney Hultgrenn would take over any pending litigation.

Motion: Councilmember Klindworth moved to accept the Agreement for Legal Services for Attorney Dan Hultgrenn. Councilmember Pruett seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

BUILDING INSPECTOR SERVICES

City Administrator Tackett reported that the Finance Committee had met and gone over an inspection comparison prepared by Building/Planning Clerk Crowther in regards to estimated future building inspections.

Councilmember Mosbrucker raised a concern with consistency with inspections done by different inspectors if Franklin County were hired to do the inspections. Another concern was that if the city did hire a building inspector what would they do with that person once the need for building inspections slowed down.

City Administrator expressed that the Finance Committee had discussed contracting with the County until such time that the staffing analysis was completed and it was determined if there was a need for additional staffing.

Mayor Walton noted that staff would need to look into the percentage of building fees paid to the state.

Attorney Hultgrenn voiced that he had not had a chance to review the building inspection contract with Franklin County.

City Administrator Tackett agreed to contact the County to see if they would allow for a temporary contract.

This item was tabled for review of the contract by the City Attorney, to be brought back at the next Council Meeting.

STAFFING AUTHORIZATION

City Administrator Tackett reported that the recommendation by the Finance Committee was to proceed with the replacement of the existing position of Crew Chief for Public Works.

Councilmember Boyer questioned hiring staff at this time if the City was going to spend money on a staffing analysis that would provide information on hiring needs. A decision needed to be made either way, if the city was going to go out for RFP's it needed to be done, or it needed to be stopped and staff hired.

Councilmember Mosbrucker brought up the addition of the new ballpark and additional infrastructure and consideration of those impacts on staff.

MEETING OF THE CITY OF CONNELL
Regular Meeting – February 7, 2007

City Administrator Tackett noted that seasonal employment had also been discussed and suggested more information be obtained.

Mayor Walton voiced a concern with overburdening of staff.

Councilmember Klindworth inquired about job duties for code enforcement.

Council requested staff look into the cost of hiring a contractor to do some of the work.

Motion: Councilmember Boyer moved to proceed with Request for Proposal's to determine staffing requirements. Councilmember Mosbrucker seconded motion. Motion carried four to one with Councilmember Quinton voting against.

WELL NO. 6

Engineer Seibel presented an estimate from Picatti Bros to repair Well No. 6 in the amount of \$47,253 less sales tax.

Motion: Councilmember Pruett moved to authorize the expenditure of \$47,253 plus sales tax to Picatti Bros for the repair of Well No. 6. Councilmember Mosbrucker seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

BIAS SOFTWARE

City Administrator Tackett reported that staff would be taking a trip to College Place to view the BIAS computer software.

This item was tabled until the following Council Meeting.

CONTRACT – IMPACT ANALYSIS

City Administrator Tackett provided that the Impact Committee would be meeting on February 12 and would be reviewing the PILT contract.

Motion: Councilmember Klindworth moved to table the PILT Contract discussion. Councilmember Boyer seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

WELLHEAD PROTECTION

Engineer Seibel presented Declarations of Covenants for approval. The Declarations of Covenant specified the unallowed uses in the City's wellhead protection zone and covered Well No. 9A and Well No. 10. Those wells had not been included in the original Wellhead Protection ordinance as they were not owned by the City at that time.

Motion: Councilmember Quinton moved to proceed and to file the papers for wellhead protection of Well Nos. 9 and 10. Councilmember Pruett seconded motion. Motion carried four to one with Councilmember Klindworth abstaining.

MEETING OF THE CITY OF CONNELL
Regular Meeting – February 7, 2007

MEETING RECESSED

Mayor Walton recessed the Regular Meeting at 8:17 to go into executive session for approximately 15 minutes to discuss; DOC 200 Bed Expansion, and pending and potential litigation issues.

At 8:30 Mayor Walton continued the recess for another 15 minutes.

MEETING RECONVENED

Mayor Walton reconvened the Regular Meeting at 8:45 pm.

TULLAMOOR FARMING REQUEST – CONTRACT DISCUSSION

Farming Request:

Motion: Councilmember Boyer moved that according to the Term of Sale Agreement there were no provisions for farming the land and therefore denied the request for farming by Tullamoor. Councilmember Mosbrucker seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Water Request:

City Administrator Tackett provided that Council would need to look at the best approach in setting water rate classifications that would be similar to other rates in town.

Engineer Seibel provided information in regards to the cost of running Wells 9 and 10.

City Administrator Tackett suggested a meeting be put together to provide guidance on how to proceed with water classifications.

A meeting was scheduled for February 12 with Councilmembers Mosbrucker and Klindworth, the Mayor, and staff.

WASTEWATER –

Attorney Hultgrenn requested authorization to proceed with a letter to Apollo and Anderson Perry in regards to the problems with the wastewater lines and a potential lawsuit.

Motion: Councilmember Pruett moved to authorize Attorney Hultgrenn proceed with a letter to Apollo and Anderson Perry in regards to the wastewater piping problems. Councilmember Boyer seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING OF THE CITY OF CONNELL
Regular Meeting – February 7, 2007

COMMITTEE / DEPARTMENT REPORTS

ENGINEER'S REPORT – Engineer Larry Seibel

- 1) Picatti was mobilizing on Well No. 10
- 2) The pump for Well No. 6 had not been delivered yet.

CITY ATTORNEY - City Attorney Dan Hultgren
Looking forward to working with Mayor and Council.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT – Public Works Director Larry Turner

- 1) Doing street cleaning
- 2) Cleaning well houses
- 3) There had been a wire shortage between the tower and Well 10. Looked into solar panels but the cost was too expensive, would repair the wire.
- 4) Provided a Pioneer Park Construction Schedule

POLICE DEPARTMENT – Police Chief Rick Rochleau

- 1) Court Clerk Cerna was gone on vacation
- 2) Sergeant Quinton was attending training for First Level Supervision
- 3) Officer Boyer would be attending CPR/First Aid Instructor training.
- 4) Officer Boyer was providing presentations at the driving school
- 5) DARE had begun
- 6) Received a resignation from Officer Turner, would be going to work for the Sheriff's Department
- 7) The Sheriff's Department had requested to purchase Officer Turner's vest. Mayor Walton requested they proceed with an offer.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – City Administrator Art Tackett

- 1) Planning Commission and reviewed a request from Oasis. They would be making a recommendation to the Council at the next meeting.
- 2) Attended a solid waste meeting, the solid waste plan would need to be updated. A member of LambWeston would be requested to sit on the update committee.
- 3) Would be attending a meeting in regards to the Quiet Zone.
- 4) RFP's for staffing analysis would be sent out.
- 5) Would be attending the CLAC in Olympia February 13-15.
- 6) Received correspondence from Karen Honey of Bureau of Rec land.
- 7) Would be gone on vacation February 16 until February 22nd.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business to be heard before the City Council, Mayor Walton adjourned the meeting at 9:27 pm.

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

Garland D. Walton, Mayor