

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

May 2, 2007

The regular semi-monthly meeting, of the City Council of the City of Connell was called to order by the Mayor at 7:02 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, and Monica Pruett.

EXCUSED: Councilmember Pruett moved to excuse Councilmember Quinton and Councilmember Mosbrucker. Councilmember Boyer seconded, motion carried unanimously.

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

VISITORS: Robert Olson, Creighton Engineering; Darlene Harrington, Lions Club; Pat and Art Barrera, Smokehouse Pit BBQ; Alan Schroeder, Anderson Perry; Katherine Bingham, Franklin County Graphic.

CORRESPONDENCE

1) Franklin County: Seeking citizens to serve on the correctional center expansion.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- a) Minutes of the April 16, 2007 Regular Council Meeting with a correction to Page 3, Motion by Councilmember Klindworth, deleting "The City may participate in the paving of Hawthorn on such a basis that was agreeable to the City" and inserting in its place "Developer agrees to pave Hawthorne from the end of the City paving to the end of the developers property line".
- b) Accounts Payable Check Register for April 19, 2007 for \$4,004.00
- c) Accounts Payable Check Register for May 2, 2007 for \$ \$139,790.38
- d) Payroll Check Register for April 23, 2007 for \$86,989.63

Councilmember Pruett seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Walton tabled Agenda Item No. 11. Brush Truck Agreement, until the May 21 meeting.

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

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

CREIGHTON ENGINEERING – ROBERT OLSON

City Administrator Tackett reported that he had spoken to Mr. Olson in regards to a change in the Fire protection Class for the City that could result in a reduction in the cost of fire insurance for the City and its citizens.

Robert Olson, Program Manager for Creighton Engineering, presented three proposals to Council in regards to the following:

- 1) Funding Support to the City of Connell for Fire Apparatus Upgrades due to the expansion of the Coyote Ridge Correctional Facility and support for the Fire Department, in the amount of \$1,500.
- 2) Technical Support to the City of Connell, due to the Coyote Ridge Correctional Facility Expansion Project, in the amount of \$2,500
- 3) Fire Protection Class Change for the City of Connell, in the amount of \$1,000.

City Administrator Tackett provided that the City currently did a self assessment for fire review.

Attorney Hultgrenn noted that he had reviewed the contracts and had not found any issues of concern.

Motion: Councilmember Klindworth moved to proceed with the proposal for Fire Protection Class Change, in the amount of \$1,000, and to take the other two proposals to the Prison Expansion Impact Committee for discussion. Councilmember Pruett seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

LION'S CLUB – JULY 4TH FIREWORKS DISPLAY

City Administrator Tackett advised that the City had received a request from the Lion's Club to help pay for the fireworks for the 4th of July celebration. The City historically provided \$1,200 for this purpose. The City was informed by the auditors that it could not use the Hotel/Motel funds, as done in the past, to purchase fireworks.

Motion: Councilmember Pruett moved to authorize the expenditure of \$1,200 out of the Special Council Project fund to purchase fireworks contingent upon concurrence by the City Attorney. Motion seconded by Councilmember Boyer, carried unanimously.

PROJECT STATUS – ANDERSON PERRY

Alan Schroeder of Anderson Perry reported on the following:

Water Project: The design was continuing and was about 70% completed.

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Wastewater Project: Working on a permit for Dam Safety from DOE.

RV Park: Suggested that the City request the developer propose an amount for the surety bond and provide justification to the City. Anderson Perry would look it over and ensure prices and quantities.

Farm Easement Elements: In the process of preparing easement descriptions. Looking at utility information.

Alley Project: Contractors moving in equipment, construction to begin on May 7th, utility work would take approximately one week, should be into paving by May 14. Completion targeted for May 28th.

PORT OF EPHRATA USE AGREEMENT

Chief Rochleau presented the annual use agreement with the Port of Ephrata to utilize their facilities for EVOC training. Attorney Hultgrenn had found a change that needed to be made and requested a change to Page 2 to strike the words “or any other persons’ use” in the first paragraph. The current fee was set at \$190.

Motion: Councilmember Pruett moved to approve the Port of Ephrata Use Agreement as changed. Councilmember Klindworth seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

STREET PROJECT

City Administrator Tackett presented a map of streets that would have chip sealing and pavement work done, if funds were available, as recommended by the Street Committee. Street projects included; chip sealing a portion of East Clark, chip sealing on East Edison Street, new construction on East Davis, new construction on the alleys between Borah and East Franklin, parking lot behind Pharmacy, alley behind Community First Bank and Lourdes Clinic, chip sealing on East Franklin, East Ash, and Birch to the Park, overlay on East Iornwood and chip sealing on West Hawthorne.

Motion: Councilmember Pruett moved to approve the Street Improvement Projects as recommended by the Street Committee for chip sealing and paving. Councilmember Boyer seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE / DEPARTMENT REPORTS

POLICE DEPARTMENT – Police Chief Rick Rochleau

- 1) The majority of the officers would be attending a graffiti trial on May 4th.
- 2) Sergeant Kuehny provided safety classes February 23 and 25 at the School.
- 3) Sergeant Kuehny would be attending training in New Orleans on the thermal imager.
- 4) Officer Boyer would be attending Field Officers School.
- 5) Increasing patrol at the prison site due to problems with fuel theft.
- 6) Had a lot of neighborhood dispute problems lately.
- 7) Had a reserve graduating from the Reserve Academy.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT – Public Works Director Larry Turner

- 1) Busy with Spring Clean up, finishing up chipping limbs.
- 2) Pioneer Park was going good, plans would be coming in the following week for review.
- 3) Getting ready for the Street/ Alley Project, would be talking to the home/business owners.
- 4) Sprinklers were being installed at Pioneer Park.

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT – Deputy Clerk Treasurer Maria Pena

- 1) Continuing to work with the Auditors, had not received a date for the exit interview.
- 2) Continuing with the software update with BIAS.
- 3) Attended training on Performance Audits.
- 4) Attended a meeting with the City Administrator for the 2010 Census.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR - City Administrator Art Tackett

- 1) BOR – To be discussed at the Real Estate Meeting
- 2) Attended a Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) meeting. Involved in helping high school students with their speeches and making suggestions.
- 3) Attended a Blue Ribbon Committee meeting April 26 – The purpose of this Committee was to review and provide input on the delivery systems for social services.
- 4) Met with the Big Bend Resource Conservation & Development Committee. This Committee was loosely connected with USDA and included four counties, Franklin, Grant, Adams, and Lincoln, and looked into grant opportunities.
- 5) The Boy Scouts had distributed the Comprehensive Plan Update Survey. The surveys would be collected and returned on May 9th by the Boy Scouts.

MAYOR’S REPORT – Mayor Garland D. Walton

Mayor Walton provided that the City Attorney had looked into the Professional Services agreement with Roy Gilliam on using the City equipment to spray weeds and there was a concern with liability risk.

Council gave its concurrence to approve the City hire Mr. Gilliam as a part time employee to spray weeds.

MEETING RECESSED

Mayor Walton recessed the regular meeting at 8:25 pm to go into Executive Session to review the performance of a public employee for approximately 15 minutes.

MEETING RECONVENED & ADJOURNED

Mayor Walton called the meeting back to order at 8:40 pm. There being no further business to be heard before the City Council, Mayor Walton adjourned the meeting.

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

Garland D. Walton, Mayor