

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

July 5, 2007

The regular semi-monthly meeting, of the City Council of the City of Connell was called to order by Mayor Walton at 7:04 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, Jim Klindworth, and Monica Pruet.

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

VISITORS Dan Deane; Harold Thompson; Scott Frakes, CRCC; Gene Stocking, Boy Scouts; Pete and Peggy Peterson, Circle P Farms; Carl Noble, Noble Farms; Sterling Joyner; Jim Riddell, Tullamoor; Jeff Arlington; and Alan Schroeder, Anderson Perry.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. City of University Place – Invitation to the Mayor’s Gathering.
2. American Payroll Association - Payroll Week Proclamation – recognizing businesses payroll departments for their role in payment of salaries and government taxes.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- a) Minutes of the June 18, 2007 Regular Council Meeting
- b) Accounts Payable Check Register for July 5, 2007 for \$ 311,653.15
- c) Payroll Check Register for June 26, 2007 for \$ 86,250.61

Councilmember Pruet seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENT / NON-AGENDA ITEMS

James Colson, Boy Scouts, requested permission from the City Council to place benches and chin up bars on the bike bath for his Eagle Scout Project. There were several possibilities for the material of the benches and chin up bars. The Boy Scouts would be looking for donations from the community and would be heading up the project with help from a troop leader. The project was expected to be completed by August 25, 2007.

Gene Stoking provided that the focus was to establish leadership for the Boy Scout who was heading up the project.

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Council directed James Colson to work with Public Works Director Turner on this project.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Walton made the following addition to the Agenda:
Agenda Item 14 a. Real Estate

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS

ELECTRONIC BOARD

This item was tabled.

ANDERSON PERRY

Alan Schroeder reported on the following projects:

Water Project: The design was basically done for the civil and structural elements. Working on the electrical part of the project. Council would need to start thinking about beginning user rate negotiations with DOC. There were some easements on City property that needed to be further defined.

Street Projects: Were completed, finishing up with some paperwork.

CRCC – SCOTT FRAKES

Scott Frakes, CRCC, advised that he had received correspondence that the State was overcrowded with offenders therefore the population for CRCC would be brought up by 25 emergency beds.

Mr. Frakes requested an exception on the noise ordinance for the next twelve weeks. On hot days it was necessary to batch concrete at 2:00 am. Mr. Frakes noted that he was willing to put an ad in the paper to let people know what was going on and why.

Council suggested that flyers be distributed to residents in the surrounding neighborhoods.

Motion: Councilmember Mosbrucker moved to allow a variance to the noise ordinance for 2:00 am for a maximum of twelve weeks with notice to the public. Councilmember Pruett seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Public Arts project was continuing. Washington State Art's Commission would need to form a partnership for the project. The City would assume upkeep of the project if the City chose to partner with the Washington State Art's Commission.

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POTENTIAL WATER RIGHTS PURCHASE

City Administrator Tackett provided that the Real Estate/Water Committee was making a counter offer. More information would be brought back at a later time.

WILD LAND TRUCK USE AGREEMENT WITH FRANKLIN COUNTY

City Administrator Tackett reported that he had discussed this with another attorney who advised that the agreement was fine.

The agreement would be placed on the next Consent Calendar.

JM MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT

City Administrator Tackett discussed that staff had requested JM Consulting to submit two proposals. One to address the Police Department Classification and Compensation and the second proposal for a full blown Strategic Plan.

Councilmember Quinton expressed that she would like to hear the report on the first study before authorizing further expenditures.

Further discussion was tabled until August 1, 2007.

DAIRY PROPOSAL

City Administrator Tackett provided that the Planning Commission had met on July 2rd and discussed the proposed dairy. Using the City's Comprehensive Plan as the framework for its recommendation the Planning Commission made the following motion: *Commission Member Ferguson moved to recommend to City Council to consider requesting that a full Environmental Impact study (EIS) be performed in regards to the dairy proposal next to the City Urban Growth Boundary, for additional information and because of proximity. Commission Member Hart seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Commission Chairman Bailie abstained due to potential conflict of interest.*

Councilmember Klindworth noted that although he visited similar dairies, who seemed to have the odor under control, he felt the proposed site was too close to the City limits.

Councilmember Mosbrucker noted that the Comprehensive Plan was put in place for the City and he did not believe he should go against the Comprehensive Plan or the Planning Commission.

Motion: Councilmember Boyer moved to adopt a position opposing the dairy and to authorize the City Administrator draft a letter to the County, authorizing the Mayor to sign, in opposition of the dairy. Councilmember Mosbrucker seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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REAL ESTATE

Jeff Arlington advised that he had received an addendum for the land purchase previously authorized east of the US Bank. The Real Estate Committee felt that it would be fair to the developer that the City allow an extended feasibility until July 27, 2007 and a closing date of August 3, 2007.

Motion: Councilmember Klindworth moved to accept the addendum as stated extending the feasibility until July 27, 2007 and a closing date of August 3, 2007. Councilmember Boyer seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE / DEPARTMENT REPORTS

CLERK/TREASURER DEPARTMENT – Clerk Treasurer Maria Pena

- 1) Staff had completed inputting the cash receipting into the new system, and was still working on payroll.

POLICE DEPARTMENT – Police Chief Rick Rochleau

- 1) Had been busy with training and vacation
- 2) July 4th went well.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT – Public Works Director Larry Turner

- 1) Working on the mechanical for the water slides, the fence would be put up, hoped to have the slides operating by August 1.
- 2) Temporary staff was working out well
- 3) Received 12 applications for the Public Works Supervisor position.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR - City Administrator Art Tackett

- 1) Received a visit from an Othello Councilmember who inquired about the City's slides.
- 2) Planning on having a park dedication ceremony on Fall Festival.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business to be heard before the City Council, Mayor Walton adjourned the meeting at 8:18 pm.

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

Garland D. Walton, Mayor