

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

July 16, 2007

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

EXCUSED: Councilmembers Rhonda Quinton and Jim Klindworth were excused, motion made by Councilmember Pruett and seconded by Councilmember Boyer, carried unanimously.

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

VISITORS Helen Tobin, Mid-Columbia Library; Kathy Bingham, Franklin County Graphic.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- a) Minutes of the July 5, 2007 Regular Council Meeting
- b) Accounts Payable Check Register for July 16, 2007 for \$ 186,836.49
- c) Payroll Check Register for July 9, 2007 for \$ 10,065.38
- d) Agreement for Use of Wild Land Truck

Councilmember Mosbrucker seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENT / NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Helen Tobin, on behalf of the Connell Swim Team, thanked Council for their continued support and use of the pool.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Walton made the following addition to the Agenda:

- Agenda Item 10 a. TIB Grant Application
- Agenda Item 10 b. Growth Management Application

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

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

ANDERSON PERRY

City Administrator Tackett presented a picture of the reservoir that would be built at the prison expansion site.

Public Works Director Turner provided that the hope was to have the reservoir up by the end of the year. The project would go out for bid August 2.

LIBRARY REMODEL

City Administrator Tackett expressed that the Mid-Columbia Library had requested that the City participate in making some changes to the Library and submitted a cost of approximately \$1500 to make those improvements.

Helen Tobin, Librarian, explained that a new unit would be constructed for the three public internet computers, and shelving would be constructed for Self-Service Holds to accommodate the new Express check Unit. The Library Public Access Catalog would be moved and a new shelf would need to be built for it.

City Administrator Tackett provided that the Library would submit invoices to the City for reimbursement.

Attorney Hultgrenn noted that the City would need to pay the invoices after the services have been provided.

Motion: Councilmember Mosbrucker moved to authorize \$1500 of improvements for the library remodel. Councilmember Boyer seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CEI CONTRACT

City Administrator Tackett reported that Creighton Engineering Inc. had presented three contracts to Council regarding fire issues. The Council approved the contract to look into the Fire Rating for the community and forwarded the remaining two to the Prison Impact Committee. At the last Impact committee meeting the two contracts were reviewed. The contract that dealt with providing the City with the necessary information to negotiate a contract with the Department of Corrections to obtain fire assistance was voted on to send back to the Council with the recommendation to pass, the contract was for \$1,500. The intent would be to negotiate with Department of Corrections for an ongoing contract for a monthly amount.

Motion: Councilmember Pruett moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the CEI contract for \$1500. Councilmember Mosbrucker seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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TIB GRANT APPLICATION

City Administrator Tackett provided that it was time to reapply for TIB and requested approval to submit an application for West Adams Street and East Birch Street.

Motion: Councilmember Mosbrucker moved to authorize staff to proceed and for the Mayor to sign the grant application for Adams and Birch streets. Councilmember Pruett seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

GROWTH MANAGEMENT APPLICATION

City Administrator Tackett reported that staff was getting prepared for the second round of funding for the Growth Management application. \$5,000 had been earmarked to complete the Comprehensive Plan by December. Public meetings would be held in December.

Motion: Councilmember Pruett moved to authorize staff to apply for the Growth Management grant. Councilmember Boyer seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE / DEPARTMENT REPORTS

POLICE DEPARTMENT – Police Chief Rick Rochleau

- 1) Decals had been changed on the patrol cars.
- 2) Had four vehicle prowls in the trailer park, two individuals had been arrested.
- 3) Working on a rape case.
- 4) Officer Gutierrez was approved at the Spokane Academy.
- 5) Would be holding firearm training.
- 6) The new uniform patches had been received and placed on the uniforms.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT – Public Works Director Larry Turner

- 1) Would be meeting July 17 with Natural Structures on the slides.
- 2) Would be chip sealing on Thursday.
- 3) Held interviews for Public Works Supervisor. Recommended Less Gilford for the position.
- 4) The ad had been placed for entry level maintenance.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR - City Administrator Art Tackett

- 1) Advertisement for City Administrator had gone out and would close on September 17.

Councilmember Boyer, Councilmember Pruett and Mayor Walton would sit on the interview committee.

- 2) Staff would be meeting with Jenny Mah on Monday July 30th for the staffing analysis.
- 3) August 1st, Council and staff would be taking a tour of CRCC and city facilities at 5:30.

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Mayor Walton and Attorney Hultgrenn would not be present at the August 1st Council Meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business to be heard before the City Council, Mayor Walton adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm.

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

Garland D. Walton, Mayor