

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

August 1, 2007

Council and staff met at the City Hall at 5:30 pm to tour the prison expansion site.

The regular semi-monthly meeting, of the Connell City Council was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Boyer at 7:02 pm in the City Hall and was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

EXCUSED: Mayor Gary Walton, Attorney Dan Hultgrenn

STAFF: City Administrator Art Tackett, Police Chief Rick Rochleau, City Public Works Director Larry Turner, Planning/Building Clerk Jed Crowther, Public Works Supervisor Les Gilford and City Clerk/Treasurer Maria Peña.

VISITORS Kevin Loesch, DOC; Alan Schroeder, Anderson Perry; Kathy Bingham, Franklin County Graphic; Jeff Arlington, Real Estate Agent.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- a) Minutes of the July 16, 2007 Regular Council Meeting
- b) Accounts Payable Check Register for August 1, 2007 for \$ 240,588.66
- c) Payroll Check Register for July 24, 2007 for \$ 90391.91
- d) Motion to authorize surplus of vehicles as listed on attachment

Councilmember Pruett seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Boyer made the following change to the Agenda:

Agenda Item 9. Property Issue Mauseth - Tabled

ORDER OF BUSINESS

ANDERSON PERRY

Alan Schroeder of Anderson Perry reported on the following projects:

Hawthorn Street Improvements – Application for Payment No. 1 to Central Washington Asphalt in the amount of \$45,206.70.

Motion: Councilmember Pruett moved to approve Application for Payment No. 1 to Central Washington Asphalt in the amount of \$45,206.70. Councilmember Mosbrucker seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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Street Improvements – Application for Payment No. 1 to Central Washington Asphalt in the amount of \$126,782.43.

Motion: Councilmember Klindworth moved to approve Application for Payment No. 1 for the Street Improvements Project to Central Washington Asphalt in the amount of \$126,782.43. Councilmember Mosbrucker seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Water System – The Reservoir/Booster Pump Station would be advertised for bid on August 9th and the bid opening would be held on August 30th.

Wastewater System – Visited with Dept of Ecology, who had new design guidelines for leak detection on the lagoons. Dept of Ecology was concerned with the wastewater flow from DOC.

Skylark Water System – Met with Ted Tschirky in regards to the proposal from Oasis for the pump station that would serve the Oasis development and Skylark.

Councilmember Klindworth inquired about waterlines from Skylark going to the three farmers outside of Skylark and brought up the need to address the rates for Skylark if the City was maintaining the waterline and the pump which it had previously not maintained.

City Administrator Tackett advised that there were two options for the Skylark waterline; either to continue to provide water to Skylark on a separate line, which meant that they would have to move the current line and the pump, or have them hook into the new line provided for Oasis at a metered location. Costs would need to be figured into the Skylark rates that would include O & M for the pipe, electricity, and other ongoing cost.

Alan Schroeder provided that the Water System Plan included a water service map that showed the areas that the City had to provide water service to, currently that map provided that the service area was the City limits and the Skylark Addition. The City was not required to provide water to any areas outside those boundaries.

Oasis – Construction drawings had been received from Oasis.

LAND AGREEMENT – EXTENSION REQUEST

City Administrator Tackett reported that he had been approached by the developer who had recently made the offer, approved by council, on the land east of the US Bank who wished to extend their purchase and sale agreement offer to August 31st to wait for the final decision by the County Commission on the proposed dairy.

Motion: Councilmember Klindworth moved to extend the Purchase and Sale Agreement for Sofio and Assigns to August 31, 2007 on the three lots east of the US Bank. Councilmember Mosbrucker seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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UPDATE DAIRY PROPOSAL

City Administrator Tackett provided that Pete DeHaan had submitted an appeal to the County Commissioners for the disapproval of the conditional use permit for the dairy proposal by the County Planning Commission.

Council consensus was to have City Administrator Tackett represent the City at the appeal on August 29, 2007.

COMMITTEE / DEPARTMENT REPORTS

CITY ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT – City Clerk Treasurer Maria Peña

- 1) Provided a preliminary Treasurer’s report on the new BIAS system. More work still needed to be done to be brought up to date.
- 2) Brooke Didier, hired through Manpower would be leaving for school on August 10th. Council gave its consensus to allow the city to contact Manpower to hire someone until the end of August as had been previously approved.

POLICE DEPARTMENT – Police Chief Rick Rochleau

- 1) Contacted by Parade Chair, advised that candy was not to be thrown from the cars but that people walk alongside the vehicles to supply candy.
- 2) Received a traffic safety grant for \$1,000 for breath testers.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT – Public Works Director Larry Turner

- 1) Introduced Les Gilford as the new Public Works Supervisor.
- 2) Had two temps that would be leaving to return to school.
- 3) Waiting to hear from DOH on a number of issues.

Mayor Pro Tem inquired about Connell Sand & Gravel pouring concrete at 2:00 am that was not going to the prison site.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR - City Administrator Art Tackett

- 1) Scheduled a Council Retreat for August 25th with Council and Management Team.
- 2) Would be putting together a committee for Motel/Hotel tax.
- 3) The Park & Rec Committee would be meeting every month the rest of the year due to the activity going on at the park.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business to be heard before the City Council, Mayor Walton adjourned the meeting at 8:07 pm.

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

Ron Boyer, Mayor Pro Tem