

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

September 5, 2007

The regular semi-monthly meeting, of the Connell City Council was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Boyer at 7:00 pm in the City Hall and was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

EXCUSED: Mayor Gary Walton, Councilmember Jim Klindworth

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

VISITORS Jack Olson, Scott Frakes, DOC; Alice Taylor, Washington State Arts Commission; and Kathy Bingham, Franklin County Graphic;

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- a) Minutes of the August 20, 2007 Regular Council Meeting, with a correction to Page 2 under Council Retreat Contract – correcting “Councilmember Pruett moved...” to “Councilmember Quinton moved...”
- b) Accounts Payable Check Register for September 5, 2007 for \$ 61,907.05
- c) Payroll Check Register for September 5, 2007 for \$ 61,246.48

Councilmember Pruett seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENT/NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Jack Olson, DOC, provided an update on the work for the prison expansion. The project was in its 15th month with 14 months to go. 15 buildings had been erected on site with 6 more to go. Avista had extended a new gas line to the site and Franklin PUD was getting ready to construct a new substation and transmission line.

James Cole requested consideration of reimbursement for his fence that had been damage when his alley had been paved.

Katherine Bingham reminded that Fall Festival was coming up and that there were a lot of activities and hoped everyone could attend.

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

- Agenda Item 11 A. Real Estate Addendum – Extension Request
- Agenda Item 11 B. Real Estate Land Exchange with Varsity LLC.

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS

ANDERSON PERRY

City Administrator Tackett reported on behalf of Alan Schroeder of Anderson Perry that two bids had been received for the Reservoir/Booster pump project. The lowest bidder was Aguastore Northwest at \$1,398,861.45. Mr. Schroeder recommended that the City move forward with the award of the project to Aguastore Northwest subject to the following two conditions; One: that the existing agreement with DOC be amended to include provisions for the reimbursement to the city for all related project cost and, Two: that the project plans be approved by DOH .

Jack Olson provided that he had been in contact with Alan Schroeder and would be needing the cost for construction, administration, and contingency amount so that the agreement could be amended.

Motion: Councilmember Pruett moved to authorize the Mayor sign the reservoir contract with Aguastore Northwest for the amount of \$1,398,861.45 with the stipulations that the DOC contract be amended and that approval was received from DOH. Councilmember Quinton seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

DOT PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AGREEMENT

City Administrator Tackett provided a draft agreement with DOT to install and maintain pedestrian crossing warning beacons. The \$10,000 cost would be split 50/50 between DOT and the City. A final agreement should be received in time to be placed on the September 17th Agenda.

Attorney Hultgrenn suggested staff look into insurance coverage for destruction or vandalism repair.

NEW EMPLOYEE

City Administrator Tackett requested authorization to proceed with the hiring process for Business Administrative Coordinator.

Councilmember Boyer inquired about having that person fill in as a backup to the Court Clerk and listing “other duties as assigned” to the job description.

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A workshop meeting was set for September 17th at 6:00 to discuss the Staffing Study.

Motion: Councilmember Quinton moved to allow staff to start the hiring process for the Business Administrative Coordinator. Councilmember Pruett seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ANNEXATION

City Administrator Tackett advised that Roger Bailie had submitted his request for annexation. Council would need to set a date to discuss whether the City would accept, reject or geographically modify the proposed annexation, whether the City would require the simultaneous adoption of a proposed zoning regulation, and whether the City would require the assumption of existing City indebtedness by the area to be annexed.

Motion: Councilmember Pruett moved to set the date of September 17 to discuss the three items for the Bailie annexation. Councilmember Mosbrucker seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING RECESSED

Mayor Pro Tem Boyer recessed the regular meeting at 7:44 pm to go into Executive session for approximately 30 minutes to discuss a real estate addendum extension request, to consider minimum price at which real estate would be offered for sale, to consider acquisition of land, and to review the performance of a public employee.

MEETING RECONVENED

Mayor Pro Tem Boyer called the regular meeting back to order at 8:15 and the following was heard before the City Council;

REAL ESTATE ADDENDUM

Motion: Councilmember Quinton moved to approve the real estate purchase addendum, for the property at Richmond's First Addition, extending the feasibility study until September 13 and extending the closing date until September 27th. Councilmember Pruett seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

REAL ESTATE LAND EXCHANGE WITH VARSITY LLC

Motion: Councilmember Mosbrucker moved to approve the real estate exchange agreement with Varsity Development LLC as proposed, allowing Mayor Pro Tem Boyer to sign the agreement. Councilmember Quinton seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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COMMITTEE / DEPARTMENT REPORTS

CITY ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT – City Clerk Treasurer Maria Peña

- 1) Provided revenue reports, expenditures reports, and treasurer's reports.

POLICE DEPARTMENT – Police Chief Rick Rochleau

- 1) Seized some alleged marijuana plants.
- 2) Had an opportunity to move some dirt to a site near the wastewater plant for the gun range.

Council gave their consensus to have dirt moved to the site.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT – Public Works Director Larry Turner

- 1) DOH had been in contact and everything on the slides would be finalized on Friday.
- 2) Was finishing up cleaning the parks.
- 3) The lifeguards had been trained on the slides.
- 4) Stripping had been done on the main roads and was being completed on the side roads.
- 5) Still waiting to hear from DOH on the water system plan and reservoir project, would be hearing from them by the end of the week.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR - City Administrator Art Tackett

- 1) Would be holding the slide dedication ceremony September 7th at 3:00 pm;
- 2) Would be beginning the budget process soon.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business before the City Council of Connell Mayor Pro Tem Boyer adjourned the meeting at 8:32 pm.

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

Ron Boyer, Mayor Pro Tem