

# WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE CITY OF CONNELL, WASHINGTON

September 17, 2007

Mayor Walton opened the Workshop for the City Council at 6:00 pm.

## ROLL CALL

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

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

**VISITORS** Alan Schroeder, Anderson Perry and Kathy Bingham, Franklin County Graphic.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

### STAFFING

Public Works Director Larry Turner advised that two vacant positions had been filled in the Public Works Department but that one had provided notice that he had decide to take a job someplace else. The temporary help had worked out well for the parks. For future staffing needs, Public Works Director Larry Turner provided that he expected that with the expansion of the wastewater plant a fulltime wastewater plant operator would be needed for 2008 and that an additional employee would be needed by 2009.

Court Clerk Sheila Cerna discussed the need for a part time individual to help with the court system as it had expanded.

Mayor Walton noted that on a related issue, the auditor's had frowned on the officers receiving payments for fines.

City Administrator Tackett reviewed the organizational chart done by Jenny Mah, and advised that an announcement would go out for the Business Administrative Coordinator.

City Clerk Treasurer Peña noted that there was a need for more bilingual office staff.

Council and staff discussed impacts on staffing due to the prison expansion.

Planning/Building Clerk Crowther expressed that the City had a contract with the County for a Planner but that he was not around much to help with the work that needed to be done but was available by phone.

Mayor Walton suggested a part time person could be utilized to help both the court and the planning departments.

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**BUDGET**

City Administrator Tackett reported that a Finance Committee meeting had been scheduled for Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 am.

Mayor Walton requested a capital expenditures list for 2008 from Department Heads for the Finance meeting.

**WORKSHOP ADJOURNED**

Mayor Walton adjourned the workshop at 6:55 pm.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Maria Peña, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

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Gary Walton, Mayor