

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

October 3, 2007

The regular semi-monthly meeting, of the Connell City Council was called to order by Mayor Walton at 7:03 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 Rhonda Quinton, Kent Mosbrucker, and Monica Pruett.

EXCUSED: Councilmember Jim Klindworth was excused. Moved by Councilmember Mosbrucker, seconded by Councilmember Quinton, carried unanimously.

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

VISITORS Roger Bailie; Scott Frakes, DOC/CRCC; and Kathy Bingham, Franklin County Graphic;

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- a) Minutes of the Council Workshop for September 5, 2007
- b) Minutes of the Council Workshop for September 17, 2007
- c) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting for September 17, 2007
- d) Accounts Payable Check Register for October 3, 2007 for \$109,303.27.
- e) Payroll Register for September 20, 2007 for \$40,071.07.
- f) Resolution No. 2007-02 – Support for Funding of a Veterans Care Facility
- g) Resolution No. 2007-03 - Adoption of Water System Plan.

Councilmembers Mosbrucker and Quinton seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENT/NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Scott Frakes, with DOC/CRCC, invited Mayor and Council to the Hunt/Lydig Topping Out Celebration for the Coyote Ridge Corrections Center Expansion Project Thursday, November 1st at 11:30 am.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Walton made the following changes to the Agenda:

- Agenda Item 9: Interagency Agreement with WA State Arts Commission - Tabled
- Agenda Item 14: 2008 Dispatch Contract & Fee – Tabled
- Agenda Item 15 a: Real Estate Sale - added to agenda

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS

ANDERSON PERRY PROJECT REPORTS

City Administrator Tackett reported on behalf of Alan Schroeder who was unable to attend the meeting.

Street Improvements: The City had been presented with a claim from Jim Cole for damages to his fence. Anderson Perry staff reviewed the issue and it appeared that the contractor had done nothing wrong. The fence was on the edge of an area that need to be excavated to make the paving right.

City Administrator Tackett advised that the claim would be forwarded to the Canfield & Associates for a determination, there would be a \$1,000 deductible if approved.

The required paperwork was complete and release of retainage was recommended for the Street Improvement Project in the amount of \$6,172.47 and for the Hawthorne Street Improvement Project in the amount of \$2,379.30.

Motion: Councilmember Pruett moved to approve Application for Payment No. 2, release of retainage, for the Street Improvements Project in the amount of \$6,172.47 to Central Washington Asphalt. Councilmember Mosbrucker seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Councilmember Mosbrucker moved to approve Application for Payment No. 2, release of retainage, for Hawthorne Street Improvement Project in the amount of \$2,379.30 to Central Washington Asphalt. Councilmember Quinton seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Tackett further reported that Anderson Perry was requested to submit construction standards for the City. They would be able to do this for about \$7,000.

Work was beginning on the North End Water Project. The logo to go on the reservoir could not be done in color and would be etched in white and would be off set.

Mayor Walton suggested that the words “Eastern Washington’s Harvestland” be used instead of the logo.

Motion: Councilmember Quinton moved to authorize the Mayor sign the agreement and to approve the words “Connell” and “Eastern Washington’s Harvestland” be placed on the reservoir if feasibly possible. Councilmember Pruett seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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ANNEXATION ROGER BAILIE

Roger Bailie, 618 E. Ash, Connell, discussed his request for annexation. In response to expanding the area to be annexed, Mr. Bailie expressed that he did not wish to expand his request to include the land further north but asked that the annexation proceed as proposed. The reason for the annexation request was to plat that property to establish roads, water and sewer and did not see the need to annex any further land.

City Administrator Tackett provided that staff was currently working on zoning for the Comprehensive Plan.

Motion: Councilmember Pruett moved to accept the proposed annexation. Councilmember Quinton seconded motion, motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Councilmember Mosbrucker moved not to require the simultaneous adoption of a proposed zoning regulation. Councilmember Boyer seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Councilmember Quinton moved not to require the assumption of existing City indebtedness by the area to be annexed as no indebtedness existed. Councilmember Pruett seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

WATER REQUEST – MR. BENNETT

City Administrator Tackett report that Mr. Bennett was looking at developing property that was in the City's Urban Growth Area but was not contiguous to current city limits. Staff had discussed with Mr. Bennett that the City had no intention at this time of providing infrastructure to an area outside the city limits and would therefore be his responsibility. The City had also requested that upon approval the area being served would at some point in time be annexed to the existing city limits. Mr. Bennett was in favor of a future annexation.

An agreement had been prepared that spelled out the process for the provision of water.

Motion: Councilmember Pruett moved that the city make water available to the development on the real property owned by Mr. Bennett i.e. Parcel No. 109-702-074; provided that all infrastructure needed to provide water to the development was constructed by the land owner in a manner acceptable to the City, and provided that the land owner execute a consent and power of attorney in favor of the city agreeing to annex to the city when the City desired the property annexed. Councilmember Mosbrucker seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

DOT PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AGREEMENT

City Administrator Tackett reported that the City had received an updated agreement for DOT regarding the pedestrian crossing on SR 260. The total cost for the crossing would

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be \$10,000 with a 50/50 split by the City and the State. The City would also be responsible for batteries.

Mayor Walton read the agreement.

Motion: Councilmember Quinton moved to authorize the mayor sign agreement No. GCA5521 with the State of Washington for the Pedestrian Beacon Signals. Councilmember Pruett seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 824 – SALARY ORDINANCE

Council consensus for the commission to consist of three members to serve for three years with the schedule to be submitted the first week of September to be reviewed yearly.

This item would be placed on the Consensus Calendar for the October 15th meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 825 – MODULAR HOMES

City Administrator Tackett reported that the Planning Commission had met and approved a text amendment to include modular homes as permitted uses in RMS & RMD zoning.

Motion: Councilmember Quinton moved to approve Ordinance No. 825 to include modular homes. Councilmember Pruett seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

REAL ESTATE SALE

Attorney Hultgrenn reported that there was a transaction pending fore the sale of lots 2,3, and 4, of Block 1, Richman's First Addition. In order to proceed with closing on the property the Purchase & Sell agreement would need to be amended to provide for the buyers who had separated into two LLC's. The closing date would also need to be extended to October 15th.

Motion: Councilmember Boyer moved to authorize the Mayor sign Addendum No. 1 A to the transaction of the sale for the three lots and to authorize the Mayor execute the closing documents. Councilmember Quinton seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business before the City Council of Connell, Mayor Walton adjourned the meeting at 8:06 pm.

ATTEST: _____
Maria Peña, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

Garland D. Walton, Mayor