

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

October 15, 2007

The regular semi-monthly meeting, of the Connell City Council was called to order by Mayor Walton at 7:00 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, Jim Klindworth, and Monica Pruett arriving late due to an ambulance call.

EXCUSED: Councilmember Kent Mosbrucker was excused. Moved by Councilmember Boyer, seconded by Councilmember Klindworth, carried unanimously.

STAFF: City Administrator Art Tackett, Attorney Dan Hultgrenn, and City Clerk/Treasurer Maria Peña.

VISITORS Scot Frakes, CRCC; Gene Stocking, Chamber; Phil Krigbaum; Tim Reiersen, Water Consultant; Alan Schroeder, Anderson Perry and Kathy Bingham, Franklin County Graphic;

CORRESPONDENCE/APPOINTMENTS

WA State Liquor Control Board – Liquor license renewal for Tapia’s Bakery and Market. No objections were heard.

Mayor Walton temporarily appointed Councilmember Quinton to the Finance Committee.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- a) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting for October 3, 2007.
- b) Accounts Payable Check Register for October 15, 2007 for \$100,282.42.
- c) Payroll Register for pay period 9/16/07-9/30/07 for \$61,495.40.
- d) Ordinance No. 824 – Salary Commission.

Councilmember Quinton seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENT/NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Gene Stocking requested, on behalf of the Chamber, that a town hall meeting be set up to provide information to the citizens as to what was taking place in the city.

Scott Frakes, from CRCC, advised that he had met with City Administrator Tackett, Attorney Hultgrenn and Alice Taylor to discuss the art project. Attorney Hultgrenn and Alice Taylor would work together to modify the agreement.

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Councilmember Quinton moved to approve the agenda as listed. Councilmember Boyer seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

ANDERSON PERRY AGREEMENT AMENDMENTS

Alan Schroeder presented an agreement for the preparation of City of Connell Standard Specifications. These standards would be given to developers for construction in Connell.

Attorney Hultgrenn expressed that there were a few items that needed to be modified on the agreement.

The agreement was to be brought back at the next meeting.

Alan Schroeder also presented an agreement to provide development review services for Tullamoor and other development projects on an as-requested task basis. Mr. Schroeder suggested that Council might want to look at having a master agreement for engineering services.

A master agreement for engineering services would be brought back at the next meeting.

ANDERSON PERRY UPDATES AND PROJECT STATUS REPORT

In regards to the logo to be placed on the water tower, Public Works Director Larry Turner advised that only the word “CONNELL” and the American Flag, which would be centered below the lettering, would be placed on the tower. The flag would be in color.

Alan Schroeder provided a layout of the ponds for the wastewater expansion project.

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-04

City Clerk Treasurer Peña presented Resolution No. 2007-04 establishing a Section 125 “Cafeteria” plan to allow for the pre taxing of the benefits paid by the employees.

Motion: Councilmember Boyer moved to authorize Resolution No. 2007-04 establishing a Section 125 Cafeteria Plan. Councilmember Quinton seconded. Motion carried two to one, with Councilmember Klindworth voting against.

ORDINANCE NO. 826 – CREATING FUND NO. 621

City Clerk Treasurer Peña presented ordinance No. 826 creating Fund No. 621 for a voluntary pre tax medical flex plan.

Council requested further information and for this item to be brought back at a future meeting.

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WASHINGTON “THE COLUMBIA BASIN”

Public Works Director Turner provided draft pages of the City for publication in the *Washington “The Columbia Basin”*. Changes would need to be made by October 25th in order to meet the publication deadline.

Councilmembers Pruett and Klindworth would work with Public Works Director on changes for the publication.

MEETING RECESSED

Mayor Walton recessed the regular meeting at 8:08 pm to go into Executive session for approximately 22 minutes to discuss with legal counsel litigation or potential litigation to which the City, or a city councilmember or employee was, or possibly was, a party.

MEETING RECONVENED

Mayor Walton reconvened the regular meeting at 8:30 pm and the following was heard:

ORDER OF BUSINESS

WATER RIGHTS PURCHASE

Mayor Walton reported that the Water Committee had been working on purchasing 1500 acre feet of water rights at \$500 an acre foot with \$2500 in earnest money and a \$50,000 down payment with a 5% interest rate from Mike and Daisy Harden.

Motion: Councilmember Klindworth was honored to move to approve the City enter into a Water Right Purchase and Sell Agreement with Harden and Galiger to purchase 1500 plus acre feet of water. Councilmember Boyer was honored to second the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

POTENTIAL PROPERTY PURCHASE

This item was tabled.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

City Administrator Tackett reported that he had received an offer from Community Development Block Grant for water and street improvements to Sportsman’s Addition.

Motion: Councilmember Pruett moved to authorize Mayor Walton sign the CDBG application. Councilmember Boyer seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business before the City Council of Connell, Mayor Walton adjourned the meeting at 8:44 pm.

ATTEST: _____
Maria Peña, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

Garland D. Walton, Mayor