

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

November 7, 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 Kent Mosbrucker, Rhonda Quinton, Jim Klindworth, and Monica Pruett.

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

VISITORS Scot Frakes, CRCC; Alice Taylor, WSAC; Alleda Arnold; Jill Klindworth; Jeri Reinauer; Katherine Bingham; John Lindner; Dan Cox; Donna Harrell; Mary Hall; Drug Task Force; and Kathy Bingham, Franklin County Graphic;

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- a) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting for October 15, 2007
- b) Accounts Payable Check Register for November 7, 2007 for \$91,014.56
- c) Payroll Register for pay period 10/1/07 to 10/15/07 for \$37,850.51

Councilmember Quinton seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENT/NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Brad Greger and Jason Nuñez discussed the activities of the Metro Drug Task Force. The metro Drug Task Force had eight detectives assigned to the unit but did not currently have a member located in Connell. The detectives did work with the Connell PD when needed.

Councilmember Klindworth inquired about the City providing a third or half a person to contribute to the Drug Task Force.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Walton made the following changes to the Agenda:

- Addition of Agenda Item No. 16 a) Benton Franklin Health District
- Tabled Agenda Item No. 9. Anderson Perry Master Agreement
- Tabled Agenda Item No. 13. Property Purchase

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

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING – BAILIE ANNEXATION

Mayor Walton recessed the regular meeting at 7:24 pm and opened the Public Hearing in regards to the annexation request submitted by Roger C. Bailie.

There being no objections to the Mayor or Councilmembers participation, nor there being any reason not to proceed as they were able to hear the case in a fair and objective manner, Mayor Walton proceeded with the Public Hearing.

City Administrator Tackett provided the Staff Report:

An application for annexation had been submitted by Roger C. Bailie on August 29, 2007 to annex a portion of Parcel No. 106-430-016, covering approximately 80 acres. There had been some discussion in regards to Mr. Bailie including more land to be annexed and Mr. Bailie had not wished to do so at this time.

Mayor Walton opened the hearing to members of the public. There being no comments from the public, Mayor Walton opened the hearing for discussion by the Councilmembers. There being no discussion by the Councilmembers, Mayor Walton closed the hearing at 7:28 pm.

*Motion:* Councilmember Klindworth moved to approve the request for annexation by Roger Bailie as presented. Councilmember Mosbrucker seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 827 – BAILIE ANNEXATION

*Motion:* Councilmember Klindworth moved to approve Ordinance No. 827 annexing property to the City of Connell pursuant to the petition method. Councilmember Pruett seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

WASHINGTON STATE ARTS COMMISSION AGREEMENT

Alice Taylor, Program Manager for the Washington State Arts Commission, presented an Interagency Agreement for acquisition of artwork.

Attorney Hultgrenn advised that concerns of the Council had been addressed in the agreement and had been modified. The agreement also included the appointment of an additional Councilmember to the Committee.

*Motion:* Councilmember Quinton moved to approve the Interagency Agreement between the City of Connell and the Washington State Arts Commission, authorizing the Mayor to sign a corrected copy changing the words “Department of Corrections” to “City of Connell”. Councilmember Pruett seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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Alice Taylor reviewed the list of proposed sites for the artwork which included: Community Center, Pioneer Park, Walking path entrance, Walking path, Columbia Avenue – entrance, Old Railroad Right-of-way, and Old Town Park.

Councilmember Pruett agreed to serve as the second Councilmember on the Arts Commission Committee.

Mayor Walton thanked the Arts Commission Committee for their work on this project.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR EMERGENCY DISPATCH SERVICES

Police Chief Rochleau advised that the agreement had remained pretty much the same as it had been in the past and that the City of Pasco had signed off on the agreement. The 2008 cost for the city would remain at \$25,234.

*Motion:* Councilmember Mosbrucker moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement for Emergency Dispatch Services. Councilmember Pruett seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ANDERSON PERRY AGREEMENT AMENDMENTS

City Administrator Tackett provided that an application for payment had been received from Aquastore Northwest for work on the water reservoir. Staff recommended authorization from Council to approve payment but payment would not be sent out until staff had received reimbursement from DOC.

*Motion:* Councilmember Mosbrucker moved to approve request for Payment Application No. 1 in the amount of \$802,637.47 to Aquastore. Councilmember Boyer seconded motion, motion carried unanimously.

PROPERTY SALE #1

City Administrator Tackett reported that the City had been working with the County on a purchase and sell agreement.

Mayor Walton advised that this was land that the city had purchased from DNR and was being leased by the County who was now in a position to purchase the land.

*Motion:* Councilmember Boyer moved that the City enter into an agreement fore the sale of Lot 1, Block 5 Connell commercial Tract to Franklin County pursuant to the terms of the Agreement to Purchase and sell Real Estate presented to the Council for the sum of \$246,369.50, and that the Mayor be authorized to execute the Agreement and all documents associated with the sale. Councilmember Klindworth seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

PROPERTY SALE #2

*Councilmember Boyer stepped down from his seat and did not take part in the discussion or decision on this issue.*

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Mayor Walton provided that ConAgra, Lamb Weston, had also leased property through DNR land, which now belonged to the City, and that they were ready to proceed with the purchase of that land.

Councilmember Klindworth noted that ConAgra, Lamb Weston was purchasing the land at the appraised value.

Attorney Hultgrenn noted that the agreement had not been reviewed by ConAgra and that he would bring back any changes to Council if any modifications were made.

*Motion:* Councilmember Klindworth moved that the City enter into an agreement for the sale of parcel 2 of Short Plat 2006-21 to ConAgra Foods Lamb Weston, Inc. pursuant to the terms of the Agreement to purchase and Sell real Estate presented to the Council for the sum of \$90,575.00, and that the Mayor be authorized to execute the Agreement and all documents associated with the sale. Councilmember Pruett seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously with Councilmember Boyer abstaining.

PROPERTY SALE #3

Mayor Walton reported that the City had been working with Jim Riddell on this property purchase and sell agreement for a couple of years.

Attorney Hultgrenn advised that this represented the first closing on that transaction in the amount of \$502, 819.08.

Mayor Walton noted that the two prior payments made by Mr. Riddell would be deducted from the \$502,819.08. The remainder would go to cover the bond payment for 2008 and 2009 with an additional amount for 2009.

*Motion:* Councilmember Klindworth moved that the City execute all documents to implement the first closing of the sale of real property to Riddell Development Co. or assigns pursuant to the agreement dated April 5, 2005, as amended, and that the Mayor be authorized to sign all documents associated with said closing on behalf of the City. Councilmember Quinton seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

2008 BUDGET – REVENUES

City Administrator Tackett reviewed preliminary projected revenues for 2008. General Fund; Beginning Fund Balance \$547,605, Taxes \$1,069,000, Licenses & Permits \$105,315, Stated Generated Revenues \$146,850, Charges for Services \$27,600, Fines & Forfeitures \$44,000, Misc Revenues \$45,000, and Land Sales \$4,582.05; Street fund \$206,000; Park & Rec fund \$120,537; Community Policing fund \$18,000; Contingency fund \$42,810; General Support fund \$902,429; Expected Revenue for the Grants Management fund were dependent upon the receipt of grant funds; DWSRF Loan fund \$31,783; Park Bond Redemption had been paid off and would not be utilized in 2008; Water/Sewer Bond Reserve \$326,655; Water/Sewer Bond \$358,541; Capital Facilities fund

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\$2,799,640; Water fund 1,243,656; Sewer fund \$425,795; Estimated revenues for the Solid Waste fund were based on rates set by BDI.

EMPLOYEE FLEX PLAN

City Clerk Treasurer Peña reported that information had been received from AFLAC in regards to administration of the employee flex plan. The set up fee had been dropped from \$450 to \$200 and the minimum participant requirement of 5 had been dropped completely. The cost for administering the plan did go up to \$6 per participant from \$5. At the current time there were 4 participants enrolled in the plan.

*Motion:* Councilmember Boyer moved to authorize AFLAC administer the Employee Flex plan. Councilmember Pruett seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

BENTON FRANKLIN HEALTH DISTRICT

Mayor Walton advised that he had received correspondence from the Benton-Franklin health District in regards to Public Health funding. According to the B/F Health District, funding for public health had been in turmoil since the 1993 MVET had replaced city contributions for public health. MVET had been repealed and backfill for lost MVET revenue was provided at 90%. Cities had not been required to contribute to local public health funding leaving the dependence for funding outside the local level. B/F Health District proposed that cities support public health funding. Each city's share would be based on percent of total population plus percent of total assessed value divided by two. The assessment for the City of Connell would be \$12,398 for 2008.

Mayor Walton noted that other counties were not paying into this fund. More information would be brought back at a later meeting.

MEETING RECESSED

Mayor Walton recessed the regular meeting at 9:00 pm to go into Executive session for approximately 10 minutes to evaluate a new employee.

At 9:12 pm Mayor Walton extended the Executive session for approximately an additional 10 minutes.

MEETING RECONVENED

Mayor Walton reconvened the regular meeting at 9:24 pm, there being no further business before the City Council of Connell the meeting was adjourned.

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

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Garland D. Walton, Mayor