

MEETING OF THE CITY OF CONNELL, WASHINGTON
CONNELL, FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON
May 2, 2012

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Connell City Council was called to order by Mayor Walton at 6:00 pm in the City Hall and was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Gary Walton, Mayor Pro Tem Monica Pruett, and Councilmembers: Jared Broberg and Rhonda Quinton.

EXCUSED:

Motion: Councilmember Quinton moved to excuse Councilmember Klindworth and Councilmember Barrow. Councilmember Broberg seconded. Motion carried out unanimously.

STAFF: Attorney Dan Hultgrenn, City Administrator Steve Taylor, Police Chief Mike Kessler, and City Clerk/Treasurer Maria Peña.

VISITORS: Kathy Bingham, Franklin County Graphic, and Alan Schroeder, Anderson Perry; Paul Stoker, GWMA; Visitors: Mark Scott, and Steve Thatcher

CORRESPONDENCE

The AWC Small Cities Annual meeting was scheduled for May 23, 2012 at 6:00 pm at the Community Center. Councilmember Klindworth and Mayor Pro Tem Pruett would be attending.

The AWC Annual Conference was scheduled for June 19 - 22, 2012 in Vancouver. Mayor Walton and City Administrator Taylor would be attending.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Pruett moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented:

- a) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting April 16, 2012.
- b) Accounts Payable 5/2/2012 \$49,375.28.
- c) Payroll Check Register 4/15 to 4/20/2012 for \$43,431.27.

Councilmember Broberg seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENT/NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Walton attended a Community Action Committee meeting. Security for staff was the topic of conversation. Mayor Walton had some concerns.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Councilmember Quinton moved to approve the Agenda as corrected.

- A) Agenda Item No. 9 was tabled until May 21, 2012.

Councilmember Broberg seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE-ANDERSON PERRY

West Adams Street-BNSF Crossing Construction Agreement

A separate agreement with Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad (BNSF) was needed to upgrade the existing Adams Street at-grade crossing. Construction work on the crossing would be done by BNSF, and the City was responsible for paying the

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full cost of the upgrade. City Attorney Dan Hultgrenn was concerned with the agreement not having a cap on the limit the BNSF could charge the City and that there were indemnifications not commonly accepted in agreements.

Klindworth –Campbell Project Area Expansion

The Klindworth Campbell Waterline Project bids had come in significantly lower than the engineer's estimate. Alan Schroeder from Anderson Perry presented an expansion project that would be paid for by funds left from the Public Works Trust Fund loan. Staff requested Council to approve the project expansion and give consensus to provide additional funds from the Water Fund if necessary. Council consensus was to move forward with bidding process.

Chip Seal Project-

City Administrator Taylor would like to apply for a Public Works Trust Fund loan to chip sealing approximately 10,570 feet (87 square yards) of existing asphalt roadway in various locations throughout the City.

AMENDING CMC 3.02.010 DESIGNATING AN OFFICIAL CITY DEPOSITORY

Council had previously authorized the City to change banking institutions from Bank of America to Community First Bank. With the change, CMC 3.02.010 required an amendment to reflect the new banking and designation of a new official city depository.

Motion: Councilmember Broberg moved to approve Ordinance No. 927 amending CMC 3.02.010 designating an official city depository. Mayor Pro Tem Pruett seconded. Motion carried out unanimously.

REPEALING CHAPTER 2.16 CMC PLANNING COMMISSION

The City Council previously adopted a new Title 11 of the Connell Municipal Code as part of the City's Development Code update. Chapter 11.20 Planning Commission was adopted to amend and relocate the existing Chapter 2.16 establishing the planning commission, its duties and rules of procedure. Chapter 2.16 was redundant and obsolete with the addition of Chapter 11.20 and repeal of the chapter was inadvertently missed during the development code update. Ordinance No. 928 repealed Chapter 2.16

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Pruett moved to approve Ordinance No. 928 repealing Chapter 2.16 CMC Planning Commission. Councilmember Broberg seconded. Motion carried out unanimously.

REPEALING CHAPTER 2.12 CMC BUILDING INSPECTOR

Chapter 2.12 was adopted in 1954 and mostly recently amended in 1970. The code language was obsolete and did not reflect the current practices of the city relating to building inspections and code enforcement. Ordinance No. 929 repealed Chapter 2.12 of the Connell Municipal Code.

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Motion: Councilmember Broberg moved to approve Ordinance No. 929 repealing Chapter 2.12 CMC Building Inspector. Councilmember Quinton seconded.
Motion carried out unanimously.

AMENDING CHAPTER 3.44 CMC INVESTMENT OF FUNDS

Ordinance No. 930 amends Chapter 3.44 to contain the authorization of the Clerk/Treasurer to invest and reinvest city funds in adherence with the most current version of the City's investment policy resolution.

Motion: Councilmember Quinton moved to approve Ordinance No. 930 amending Chapter 3.44 CMC Investment of Funds. Mayor Pro Tem Pruett seconded.
Motion carried out unanimously.

REPEALING CHAPTER 2.18 CMC AIRPORT COMMISSION

The Connell Municipal code currently contained Chapter 2.18 Airport Commission which was adopted in 1973. The City did not currently, directly or indirectly, have ownership interest in any airport facilities within the City making this section of code obsolete.

Motion: Councilmember Broberg moved to approve Ordinance No. 931 repealing Chapter 2.18 CMC Airport Commission. Mayor Pro Tem Pruett seconded.
Motion carried out unanimously.

GWMA-LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR CREATING AN AQUIFER PROTECTION AREA

The City previously received email correspondence from the Columbia Basin Groundwater Management Area Executive Director requesting the City to submit a letter to the Franklin County Commissioners urging the creation of an Aquifer Protection Area. The proposed APA would cover Adams, Franklin, Lincoln, and Grant Counties, and the funds raised would be used for the continuation of GWMA activities (groundwater studies, technical analysis, well impairment) and organization overhead.

City Administrator Taylor had received a letter in support from Mr. Roger Bailie. Mr. Stoker with GWMA encouraged Council to support the creation of an Aquifer Protection Area by sending a letter to the County Commissioners. City Attorney Hultgrenn advised Councilmembers of his concerns.

Unfinished Business: Bring back to next Council meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS TRUST FUND 2014 LOAN CYCLE-SIX YEAR TIP DISCUSSION

The City's Streets and Road Committee met on April 26, 2012 to review the 6-Year Transportation Improvement Plan as required by law. Projects were discussed including a need to adequately maintain and preserve existing city streets. The City had an opportunity to conduct a significant seal coat project with a low-interest Public Works Trust Fund (PWTF) loan. Staff was asking Council for the approval to apply for a PWTF loan. Council held discussion.

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Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Pruett moved to authorize staff to apply for a Public Works Trust Fund loan in amount of \$350,000 for a chip seal program. Councilmember Broberg seconded. Motion carried out unanimously

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE DISCUSSION

City Administrator Taylor explained the City had to provide for an annual amendment cycle to the Comprehensive Plan. The City needed to draft some initial procedures, adopt a public participation plan, and put together an overall Capital Facility Plan that included, streets, water sewer, Etc.

Mayor Walton informed Councilmembers of an open position on the Planning Commission.

STAFF REPORT

Park Board met to discuss a plan & estimate for a pavilion sidewalk. Funds were available in the Capital Budget. The blue slide repair was scheduled to start the week of May15, 2012. The pool schedule for 2012 was under discussion.

Community Action Committee met last night to discuss state assistance for City's citizens, and would like to use the Community Center for a meeting place.

Mayor Walton called for a break at 7:31 pm.

MEETING RECESSED

At 7:35 pm Mayor Walton announced an executive session for 5 minutes to consider the minimum price at which real estate will be offered for lease or sale, and to discuss with legal counsel representing the City litigation or potential litigation to which the City, or a city council member or employee is, or maybe, a party.

MEETING RECONVENED

Mayor Walton reconvened the Regular Meeting at 8:40 pm.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business before the City Council of Connell, Mayor Walton adjourned the meeting at 8:40 pm.

ATTEST: _____
Rose Courneya, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

Gary Walton, Mayor