

MEETING OF THE CITY OF CONNELL, WASHINGTON
CONNELL, FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON
June 6, 2012

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

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Pro Tem Monica Pruettt, and Councilmembers: Jared Broberg, Lee Barrow, Rhonda Quinton, and Jim Klindworth.

ABSENT: Mayor Gary Walton

STAFF: Attorney Heidi Ellerd, City Administrator Steve Taylor, Public Works Director Larry Turner, Police Chief Mike Kessler, Fire Chief Chris Schulte, and City Clerk/Treasurer Maria Peña.

VISITORS: Alan Schroeder, Anderson Perry, and Citizen Alleda Arnold.

Councilmember Klindworth was temporarily appointed to the Finance Committee.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Councilmember Barrow moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented:
a) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting May 21, 2012
(Provided at Meeting)
b) Accounts Payable June 6, 2012 63,431.61
Councilmember Quinton seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENT/NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmember Klindworth researched the federal governments' policy to reduce coal fired electric plants in the United States. Applications are pending to build coal export terminals. If the terminals were approved, Connell could see an additional 50 to 100 trains passing through each day.

Councilmember Barrow asked about putting a stop sign at the intersection of Borah and Burke. Discussion would be done with the Street Committee.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Councilmember Broberg moved to approve the Agenda.
Councilmember Barrow seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

SIX YEAR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN-2013-2018
PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Pro Tem Pruettt recessed the regular meeting at 6:15 pm and opened a Public Hearing for the purpose of discussing the Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan.

STAFF REPORT:

Public Works Director Larry Turner provided a report on street improvements and reviewed the priority list.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS: None Heard

COUNCILMEMBERS COMMENT PORTION OF THE HEARING: None Heard

Mayor Pro Tem Pruett closed the hearing and opened the regular meeting at 6:27 pm.

EAST DATE STREET SIDEWALK BID AWARD

Alan Schroeder stated the low bid for the East Date Street Sidewalk Project was Allstar CGI and they had complied with all bidding requirements. City Council was now being asked to consider awarding the East Date Street Sidewalk project to Allstar Construction Group, Inc.

Motion: Councilmember Quinton moved to award the East Date Street Sidewalk Project to the lowest responsible bidder, Allstar Construction Group, Inc. in the amount of \$49,969.70, and authorize the Mayor, or his designee, to execute any contracts and agreements associated with the bid award. Councilmember Broberg seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

WEST ADAMS STREET SIDEWALK BID AWARD

The railroad crossing at West Adams Street would require work to match the new construction with the existing crossing. Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) had provided the city with its standard grade crossing construction and maintenance agreement amended with specifics of the West Adams Street project. BNSF would perform the construction work on the crossing and the City would pay the full cost of the work. The cost estimate provided by BNSF was \$105,774.

Motion: Councilmember Broberg moved to approve the grade crossing construction and maintenance agreement with Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad. Councilmember Quinton seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

SEWER SYSTEM CMC CHAPTER 13.20 –FINAL READING

City Administrator Taylor reviewed changes to the Connell Municipal Code Chapter 13.20 Sewer System. Residents located within 200 feet of an existing sewer line, but currently using private sewage disposal systems, would be required to connect to city sewer lines. Costs to the citizen would vary depending on work that needed to be done to connect the house to the city sewer system. Loans to connect to the system could be made available for citizens through the Sewer Fund at a low interest rate to the citizen. A separate ordinance would be created to set up a loan program and it would be brought back to council for consideration.

Motion: Councilmember Barrow moved to approve Ordinance No. 926 amending Chapter 13.20 CMC Sewer System. Councilmember Broberg seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

MASTER FEE SCHEDULE AMENDMENT-FINAL

City Administrator Taylor explained the updated fees on the Master Fee Resolution. Schedule B-Building, Schedule H-Sewer, and Schedule I- Water were all updated.

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The new sanitation rates would go into effect on August 20, 2012 and the citizens would see the new rate on their October 1, 2012 bill.

Motion: Councilmember Quinton moved to approve Resolution No. 2012-06 amending the Connell Master Fee Schedule with the removal of the word bundle from Schedule E of Schedule G-Sanitation. Councilmember Barrow seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

MUSEUM LEASE AGREEMENT EXTENSION

The Connell Heritage Museum group was applying for a grant to pay for a portion of the costs to expand the museum. The application required a 13-year lease to be in place. Museum representatives had requested the City to extend the current lease agreement to meet this requirement in order to apply for the grant. The current lease agreement would be extended to June 30, 2025.

Motion: Councilmember Klindworth moved to amend Section Two-Term of the lease agreement to 16 years with ending the term set for June 30, 2028. Councilmember Quinton seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously

Motion: Councilmember Klindworth moved to amend Section Fourteen-Notices of the lease agreement to state “Authorized Registered Agent” and remove Arnold Hudlow. Councilmember Quinton seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Councilmember Barrow moved to approve amended lease agreement with the Connell Heritage Museum. Councilmember Klindworth seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

STAFF REPORT

City Clerk/Treasurer Maria Peña gave the Councilmembers a copy of the 2011 Annual Report that was sent to the State Auditor’s office.

Fire Chief Chris Schulte invited Councilmembers and staff to view photos of the fire at the Connell Recycling Center.

Amy Mullerleile was the new Planning & Building Services Clerk.

AWC Conference June 19-22, 2012.

City Administrator Taylor Thanked Fire Chief Schulte for helping Connell Recycling Center get set up properly.

Pool would open on June 12, 2012.

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MEETING RECESSED

At 7:20 pm Mayor Pro Tem Pruett announced an executive session for 10 minutes to review the performance of a public employee.

Attorney Heidi Ellerd came out at 7:30 pm and extended executive session for 5 minutes.

MEETING RECONVENED

Mayor Pro Tem Pruett reconvened the Regular Meeting at 7: 35 pm and no action was taken.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business before the City Council of Connell, Mayor Pro Tem Pruett adjourned the meeting at 7:35 pm.

ATTEST: _____
Rose Courneya, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

Monica Pruett, Mayor Pro Tem