

MEETING OF THE CITY OF CONNELL, WASHINGTON  
CONNELL, FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
June 18, 2012

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Connell City Council was called to order by Mayor Walton at 7:01 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, Lee Barrow, Rhonda Quinton, and Jim Klindworth.

**STAFF:** Attorney Dan Hultgrenn, City Administrator Steve Taylor, Public Works Director Larry Turner, Police Chief Mike Kessler, Fire Chief Chris Schulte, Amy Mullerleiler, Building Services Clerk, and City Clerk/Treasurer Maria Peña.

**VISITORS:** Kathy Bingham, Franklin County Graphic.

CORRESPONDENCE

City of Connell received the 2012 Wellness award.

Fall Festival Float received a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place at local parades.

Mayor Walton cancelled the Regular Council Meeting of July 5, 2012 and called for a Special Council Meeting on July 3, 2012 at 6 pm.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- a) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting June 6, 2012
- b) Check Register June 1, 2012 for \$211.12
- c) Accounts Payable June 18, 2012 for \$117,720.94
- d) Payroll Register May 31 to June 5, 2012 for \$67,498.15

Councilmember Quinton seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENT/NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Gary Walton and City Administrator Taylor would be attending the AWC Conference June 19-22, 2012. Mayor Walton introduced Amy Mullerleiler as the new Building Services Clerk.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Motion:** Councilmember Quinton moved to approve the Agenda as listed.  
Councilmember Barrow seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

DEVELOPMENT CODE AMENDMENTS

The City was required by state law to establish a process for the consideration of annual amendments to the Comprehensive Plan. Ordinance Nos. 933 and 934 amend the City's Development Code in 16A.02.060 and 17.04.020 establishing procedures for the acceptance and administration of Plan amendments that are defined as "legislative" or policy actions. A public hearing on both amendments to the Development Code was

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held by the Planning Commission on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012, and the Planning Commission voted 4-0 to recommend adoption of the proposed amendments.

**Unfinished Business:** Bring back to next council meeting.

2012 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT-PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROGRAM

As a part of the process of amending and updating the City's Comprehensive Plan, a Public Participation Plan or Program (PPP) was required to encourage and ensure early and continuous public participation throughout the process. Resolution No. 2012-08 incorporates the procedures and timeline for the City's 2012 Comprehensive Plan amendment process. The PPP explained the amendment process and how the public can comment, participate, and otherwise be involved.

**Unfinished Business:** Bring back to next council meeting.

CMC AMENDMENT CHAPTER 13.22 PUBLICLY OWNED TREATMENT WORKS

A meeting was held with the Washington State Department of Ecology a year ago to discuss user requirements for the City's wastewater plant. Ordinance No. 932 sets forth a uniform requirement for users of the City's wastewater treatment facilities, and allows the City to comply with state and federal laws applying to Publicly Owned Treatment Works with significant industrial users without a formal discharge program. City Administrator Taylor reviewed the objectives of the proposed ordinance. Discussion was held.

**Unfinished Business:** Bring back to next council meeting.

IN SUPPORT OF AMENDING THE WASHINGTON STATE ENERGY INDEPENDENCE ACT

The City Council, as a part of the 2012, Legislative Agenda, had supported the efforts to amend the state's Energy Independence Act to provide electric utilities greater flexibility in meeting renewable energy portfolio percentage requirements when new resources were not needed to meet consumer demand. Without this flexibility, the mandatory purchase of expensive renewable energy sources would result in increased electricity rates for the City, its residents, and businesses and have a negative impact on municipal and private budgets as well as hampering economic development. Resolution No. 2012-09 formalizes the City's support to amend the Washington State Energy Independence Act.

**Motion:** Councilmember Klindworth moved to adopt Resolution No. 2012-09 supporting amendments to the Washington State Energy Independence Act.  
Mayor Pro Tem Pruett seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

City Administrator Taylor stated staff was still looking into signs for Borah and Burke streets and working on getting the issue to the Roads and Street Committee for review.

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MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business before the City Council of Connell, Mayor Walton adjourned the meeting at 7:38 pm.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rose Courneya, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

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Gary Walton, Mayor