

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

November 16, 2015

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

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Bruce Blackwell, Mayor Pro Tem Monty Huber, and Councilmember's: Joe Escalera, Rhonda Quinton, Kathie Silva, and Ray Minor.

STAFF: Attorney Dan Hultgrenn, City Administrator Jed Crowther, Building Services Clerk Sterling Joyner, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Rose Courneya.

VISITORS: Kathy Bingham, Franklin County Graphic; Tim Kelly, Columbia Basin Railroad; Eugene Hill, Basin Disposal Inc.; Paul Weber, HDR Engineering; Mary Dye, Representative 9th District; Jim & Jill Klindworth, Port of Pasco; Dale Pomerey & Pat Millard, Port of Warden; Citizens: Regina Grassl, Molly Kunkel, Casey Hart, David Hart, Larry Smith, Gail Eilmes, John Eilmes, Manny Choi, Ed Brown, Paul Clark, Darrell Ferguson, Desiree McCombs, Melissa Kelly, Ryan Kelly, Michelle Gardner, Helen Tobin, Laurie Mandler, Jody Barker, John Lindner, T Millage, Eric Mauseth, Ann Ledezma, Allison Walker, Kim Tanner, Jason Tanner, and Isaac Rodriquez.

CORRESPONDENCE

Miss Connell Scholarship girls thanked the Councilmember's for their continued support of the program.

Mayor Blackwell received renewal notices from the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board for the following business: Pizza Station, Circle K Stores Inc., Steele's Got Liquor LLC, and El Jazmin LLC.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Councilmember Minor moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

- a) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting November 2, 2015
- b) Check Register 11/2/2015 for \$228.92
- c) Check Register 11/4/2015 for \$855.29
- d) Accounts Payable November 16, 2015 for \$228,449.76
- e) Payroll Check Register 10/31/2015 to 11/5/2015 for \$81,736.64

Mayor Pro Tem Huber seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION-CONNELL RAIL INTERCHANGE BY HDR ENGINEERING
HDR Engineering provided Councilmember's with results from the Connell Rail Interchange study. Mr. Weber provided information on the following items:

- 1) What the Connell Rail Interchange Project was
- 2) Overviews
- 3) Economic Effects
- 4) Project Schedule
- 5) Alternative Alignment Analysis
- 6) Alternative Alignment Analysis Recommendations
- 7) Additional Reports/Studies Completed to Date

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8) What will happen next

Discussion was held and Mr. Weber answered questions.

CITIZEN COMMENT/JNON-AGENDA ITEMS

Melissa Kelly, Paul Clark, Regina Grassl, John White, Mike Reimers, Helen Tobin and other City of Connell citizens spoke on behalf of opening the pool for the 2016 summer season. The citizens asked that councilmember's to look at other ways to cut in the budget, without cutting the pool. Citizens presented Councilmember's with a signed petition to keep the pool open.

Manny Choi asked citizens to get involved in the budget process earlier. He explained that Councilmember's had been working on the budget for months.

Councilmember's were not in favor of closing pool but financially it was necessary.

Mayor Blackwell scheduled a Special Council Meeting to further discuss 2016 Budget. Meeting would be scheduled and announced after staff talked with City Clerk/Treasurer Maria Peña to see when she was available.

Mayor Blackwell recessed meeting for 5 minutes at 6:46 pm and reconvened meeting at 6:51 pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Councilmember Quinton approved agenda as presented. Councilmember Escalera seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED RECORD HEARING-AMENDING THE ZONING MAP (CONTINUED)

Mayor Blackwell recessed the regular meeting at 7:28 pm and opened a Closed Record Hearing for the purpose of amending the zoning map.

STAFF REPORT: Staff had brought back Ordinance No. 959-2015 with added information and more key reasons for the zoning amendment. The Planning Commission, by motion, recommends to not changing the current zoning. Staff recommends approval of rezoning. City Administrator Crowther reviewed previous work on property and gave some history.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Paul Clark asked if proceeds of sale of the lots could be reserved for park capital assets improvements. Planning Commission made a decision on public input. Darryl Ferguson explained the Planning Commissions voting on the rezoning.

COUNCILMEMBERS COMMENT PORTION OF THE HEARING:

Councilmember Quinton stated Park Board had discussed the tennis court property and the Park Board felt that the City didn't need another park. Councilmember Minor felt it was a good idea to amend the zoning ordinance.

Mayor Blackwell closed the hearing and opened regular meeting at 7:42 pm.

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Motion: Councilmember Minor moved to approve Ordinance No. 959-015 Councilmember Quinton seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

SANITATION CONTRACT AMENDMENT

An Amendment to the Solid Waste Contract was being presented to the Councilmember's for approval. The Contract amendment would transfer the sanitation billing to the Basin Disposal Inc. City staff would no longer bill sanitation on water bills and will no longer take payments from citizens for sanitation.

Motion: Councilmember Minor moved to approve the First Amendment to the Solid Waste Collection Service Agreement between the City of Connell and Basin Disposal, Inc. and authorize Mayor Blackwell to sign on behalf of the City. Councilmember Escalera seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS-CONTRACT NO. K10248, WORK CREW

City Administrator Crowther stated the Washington State Department of Corrections Coyote Ridge Correction Center presented the City with an annual work crew agreement for 2016.

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Huber moved to approve Contract Number K10248 -inmate work contract. Councilmember Minor seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

2016 CES IRRIGATION AND CROP PLAN

Cascade Earth Sciences had been doing the City's annual crop management plan for the past several years. Cascade Earth Sciences had also been providing services for soil sampling and preparing the City of Connell's 2016 Irrigation and Crop Management Plan, That was required in the City's State Waste Discharge Permit. This contract was an annual renewal.

Motion: Councilmember Silva moved to approve contract with Cascade Earth Sciences. Mayor Pro Tem Huber seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

City Administrator –Jed Crowther

- 1) Pool Fact Sheet was published
- 2) Art Work removed-been in touch with Washington State Art Commission to relocate table.
- 3) Would be Presenting with Connell Heritage Museum for grant.
- 4) Website was were the up to date information about the city was located

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business before the City Council of Connell, Mayor Blackwell adjourned the meeting at 7:57 pm.

ATTEST: _____
Rose Courneya, Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer

Bruce Blackwell, Mayor