

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

March 17, 2014

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 Heidi Ellerd, Police Chief Interim Alan Chertok, Public Works Director Larry Turner, Accounting Clerk Jeri Reinauer, and City Clerk/Treasurer Maria Peña.

**VISITORS:** Kathy Bingham, Franklin County Graphic; Jake Hollopeter, Anderson Perry; Citizens: Pauline Turner, Robert McCurry, Jaeniffer Kaiser, Helen Tobin, Chris Turner, and Helen Tobin.

CONSENT CALENDAR

**Motion:** Councilmember Minor moved to approve the Consent Calendar with change.

a) Minutes of the Regular Council meeting March 3, 2014

(Add Jed Crowther)

b) Minutes of the Regular Town Hall meeting March 10, 2014

c) Check Register 1/30/2014 for \$197.15

d) Check Register 3/3/2014 for \$215.06

e) Accounts Payable 3/17/2014 for \$118,929.23

f) Payroll Check Register 2/28-3/5/2014 for \$66,141.72

Councilmember Quinton seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Motion:** Councilmember Quinton moved to approve the Agenda as presented.

Councilmember Huber seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**ANDERSON PERRY –JAKE HOLLOPETER**

Engineering Services-Anderson Perry has provided engineering services for the city the past few years. The current contract between Anderson Perry and the City of Connell was expired so a new agreement was being presented to Councilmembers for approval. City Attorney Dan Hultgrenn had reviewed the presented contract. Council held discussion.

Jake Hollopeter from Anderson Perry explained the current Task Order presented was for the Park Estates Water Main Project.

**Motion:** Councilmember Quinton moved to approve Engineering Service Contract between the City of Connell and Anderson Perry & Associates. Councilmember Silva seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion:** Councilmember Silva moved to approve the Task Order with Anderson Perry for the Park Estates Water main project not to exceed \$21,000 for design engineering, and not

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to exceed reimbursable expenses of \$8,000. Councilmember Escalera & Quinton seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**POLICE CHIEF CONTRACT**

Mayor Blackwell and City Attorney Dan Hultgrenn worked on preparing a Chief of Police Contract for the Council to approval. The potential candidate for the Police Chief position Chris Turner addressed Councilmembers.

**Motion:** Councilmember Huber moved to approve the Chief of Police contract as presented. Councilmember Escalera seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**PARK & RECREATION DIRECTOR JOB DESCRIPTION**

Helen Tobin on behalf of the Park Board reviewed changes to the job description for the Park & Recreation Director. The Park Board recommended the City have a Park & Recreation Director and a Pool Manager. Clerk/Treasurer Maria Peña discussed budgeted funds for the pool and the Park & Recreation director.

Jaeniffer Kaiser spoke on behalf of the swim team being part of the City's Park & Recreation program. Parents would still volunteer to help the swim team but the scheduling of meets and day to day stuff would be handled by the Park & Recreation director. Mrs. Kaiser asked if the City could pay for the swim team coach. Clerk/Treasurer Maria Peña stated the City's budget could cover the cost of the swim team coach.

Councilmembers, staff, and visitors held discussion.

**Motion:** Councilmember Silva moved to approve the 2014 Park & Recreation Director job description. Councilmember Quinton seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**DEVFUZION-WEB CAST**

Devfuzion prepared an estimate to live web cast council meetings. The initial cost would be \$3,101.50 for equipment and set up. Council and staff held discussion. Councilmembers consensus was not to web cast council meetings at this time.

Councilmember Minor asked about backing up web cast, and liability.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT POOL**

City Clerk/Treasurer Maria Peña received a fax from the Local Government Investment Pool. The City would need to pass a resolution in order to continue investing in the LGIP. Currently the City had \$517,896.08 in the LGIP. The LGIP allowed for liquidity of funds without any penalties. Currently the interest rate was at .105%. The resolution presented had to be approved in order for the City to have the option to invest fund in the Local Government Investment Pool. Council held discussion.

**Motion:** Councilmember Minor moved to approve the Resolution No. 2014-02 authorizing investments in the LGIP. Councilmember Silva seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously

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DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Councilmember Minor called Benton Franklin Department of Human Services and talked to them about helping low income residential with utilities in the city.

City Clerk/Treasurer Maria Peña handed out corrections to the Treasurer Reports and asked that the Finance Committee set up a time to meet.

Police Chief Interim Alan Chertok talked about a police system called ILEADS.

Councilmember Quinton stated the Emergency Preparedness meeting changed to March 27, 2014.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business before the City Council of Connell, Mayor Blackwell adjourned the meeting at 7:22 pm.

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

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Bruce Blackwell, Mayor