

City of Connell, Town Hall Meeting, September 14, 2015

Attendance: Mayor Bruce Blackwell, Councilmember Ray Minor, Manny Choi, Eileen Abenth, Katherine Bingham, Jed Crowther.

Opened at 6 p.m.

Discussion Items:

1. **Noon Whistle Emergency Warning System** – Eileen Abenth inquired of proper use/notification. *Mayor informed that it would be important to first develop a Comprehensive Emergency Action Plan in order to notify for specific hazards/events.*
2. **Wall Mounting brackets at Community Center** – Eileen Abenth asked about the possibility for installing wall mounting brackets for efficient set-up for various events, especially quilt show. *Mayor responded that a simple bracket about 8' high will be reviewed for installation.*
3. **Trees along Columbia Avenue** – Eileen Abenth asked about watering improvements. *Mayor said that irrigation improvements were made this past spring; most were completed. A few areas needed to be finished; some areas had hard soil or root-bound issues. He said that a quality soil moisture test tool, to check irrigation to root zone depth; together with aeration, and arborist experience might improve tree care. Katherine Bingham informed of Cooperative Extension Service expertise available to utilize.*
4. **Fall Festival** – Manny Choi enjoyed Fall Festival events; especially the small-town atmosphere. All were pleased with good turn-out and participation; more volunteers needed to host events. Suggestion to include car show poker run on Friday night to invite visitors to area businesses.
5. **Winterfest** – Needs volunteer help to host events; Gingerbread Houses, Bon Fire, Parade, Chili Cook-Off, Promotional Advertising, and to recruit sponsors.
6. **Mobile Vet Clinic** – Every other Tues at Community Center parking lot from 10 am – 1 pm.

Closed at 6:45 p.m.