

MEETING OF THE CITY OF CONNELL, WASHINGTON
CONNELL, FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON
September 17, 2012

The Regular council meeting of the Connell City Council was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Quinton at 7:00 pm in the City Hall and was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Pro Tem Quinton and Councilmembers: Lee Barrow and Jim Klindworth.

EXCUSE:

Motion: Councilmember Barrow moved to excuse Mayor Walton and Councilmember Broberg. Councilmember Klindworth seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Quinton received a letter of resignation from Monica Pruett for Councilmember Position No. 6.

Motion: Councilmember Klindworth moved to accept the letter of resignation from Councilmember Monica Pruett. Councilmember Barrow seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

STAFF: Attorney Dan Hultgrenn, Public Works Director Larry Turner, Police Chief Mike Kessler, and City Clerk/Treasurer Maria Peña.

VISITORS: Kathy Bingham, Franklin County Graphic.

APPOINTMENTS

Councilmember Barrow was temporally appointed to the Finance Committee.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Councilmember Klindworth moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented:

- a) Minutes of the Regular Council meeting September 5, 2012
- b) Check Register 9/4/2012 for \$205.52
- c) Check Register 9/11/2012 for \$559,502.05
- d) Accounts Payable 9/17/2012 for \$195,496.49
- e) Payroll Check Register 9/4/2012 for \$72,266.91

Councilmember Barrow seconded motion. Motion carried unanimous

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Citizen Kathy Bingham asked about low water pressure.

Mayor Pro Tem Quinton announced a luncheon for Councilmembers on September 26, 2012, 12:00 pm at Michael Jay Restaurant to meet the City Administrator finalist.

The Community was invited to meet the City Administrator finalist on Wednesday, September 26, 2012, 7:00 pm at the Connell Community Center. Councilmember Klindworth asked about spraying the Esquatzel for weeds to help keep it clean. Would the Irrigation District help with the cost?

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Public Works Director Turner stated the cost was about \$ 5,000 to \$10, 000 a year. City Attorney Hultgrenn would provide more information at a future council meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Councilmember Barrow moved to approve the Agenda as presented.
Councilmember Klindworth seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF BANK BUILDING PURCHASE

City Clerk/Treasurer Maria Peña stated the Mayor was not interested in purchasing the building for the City. Councilmember Barrow thought the City should look into it. Councilmember Klindworth thought the City didn't have enough time to look into purchasing the bank building. Council consensus was not to take action at this time.

2013 BUDGET DISCUSSION

City Clerk/Treasurer Maria Peña provided Councilmembers with a preliminary 2013 Salary and Benefits Budget that included the following:

- 1) New Crew Leader position for Public Works department that would cost about \$79,000.
- 2) New Police Officer position that would cost about \$68,500.
- 3) Part Time Park & Recreation Director separate from the pool manager.
- 4) A 2.5% Cola for union employees.
- 5) A 2.0% Cola for non-union employees.

Councilmembers held discussion. Councilmember consensus was to bring back with a 2.5% Cola for non-union and union employees. City Clerk/Treasurer Maria Peña would provide Finance Committee and Councilmembers with the updated salary & benefits numbers. Finance Committee to discuss the Park & Recreation Director position and report back to council.

Motion: Councilmember Klindworth moved that staff advertise for the vacant Councilmember Position No. 6. Councilmember Barrow seconded motion.
Motion carried unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

Public Work Director Turner had 300 volunteers working at Pioneer Park redoing the ball fields.

Councilmember Klindworth was concerned with the junk around town. He would like to see a code enforcement report submitted to the Councilmemebers quarterly.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business before the City Council of Connell, Mayor Pro Tem Quinton adjourned the meeting at 7:48 pm.

ATTEST: _____
Rose Courneya, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

Rhonda Quinton, Mayor Pro Tem