

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

October 3, 2012

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

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Gary Walton, and Councilmembers: Rhonda Quinton, Jared Broberg, Jim Klindworth, and Lee Barrow.

STAFF: Attorney Dan Hultgrenn, Police Chief Mike Kessler, and Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer Rose Courneya.

VISITORS: Kathy Bingham, Franklin County Graphic; Alan Schroeder, and Adam Schmidtgall; Anderson Perry.

CORRESPONDENCE

The final acceptance date for receiving letters of interest for the vacant Councilmember position was set for October 15, 2012.

Mayor Walton had attended a Coulee Corridor meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Councilmember Quinton moved to approve the Consent Calendar with correction.

- a) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting September 17, 2012
(Correction to first page-seconded motion- should state seconded by Councilmember Barrow not Councilmember Klindworth)
 - b) Application for Payment No. 3-West Adams Street-POW for \$139,721.72
 - c) Application for Payment No. 4-Klindworth/Campbell-POW for \$154,292.09
 - d) Accounts Payable 10/3/2012 for \$174,738.36
 - e) Payroll Check Register 9/15-9/20/2012 for \$43,674.05
- Councilmember Barrow seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMENT/NON AGENDA NON-ITEMS

Councilmember Barrow asked on behalf of the Downtown Development Committee about storing the city banners when the banners were taken down and replaced with the snowflakes.

Councilmember Broberg stated Mr. Perkins had concerns on water volume not being fixed before the asphaltting was done. POW Construction was looking into the problem.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Councilmember Klindworth moved to approve the Agenda with addition of:
10C) Second Amendment Foundation-Repeal CMC 9.28.020.
Councilmember Quinton seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

EAST DATE STREET PROJECT-ALLSTAR CONSTRUCTION

Alan Schroeder and Adam Schmidtgall from Anderson Perry explained the East Date Street Project Change Order No.1 and the Application for Payment No. 3 to Allstar Construction. Mr. Schmidtgall gave Councilmembers an update on current projects. Some residents had complained of low water pressure. Anderson Perry and the Public Works Director Larry Turner were aware of the problem and were working on it.

Motion: Councilmember Quinton moved to approve East Date Street Project Change Order No.1 in the amount of \$1,600 and Application for Payment No. 3 to Allstar Construction in the amount of \$1,593.81. Councilmember Barrow seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CANNABIS COLLECTIVE GARDENS MORATORIUM

City Attorney Hultgrenn talked about the issues of the Medical Cannabis Collective Gardens within the City. The City currently had a resolution prohibiting Medical Cannabis Collective Gardens in all zoning districts within the City that would expire on October 4, 2012. Mr. Hultgrenn advised Councilmembers to approve Resolution No. 2012-11 extending the moratorium prohibiting medical cannabis collective gardens in all zoning districts within the city.

Mayor Walton asked if there were any comments from citizens present. None Heard.

Mayor Walton asked if Councilmembers had any comments. None Heard

Motion: Councilmember Klindworth moved to approve Resolution No. 2012-11 an extension to the moratorium prohibiting medical cannabis collective gardens in all zoning districts within the city. Councilmember Broberg seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

RAILROAD

Mineral Rights

The City acquired industrial property east of Highway 395 from the Burlington Northern Railroad Company (BNSF) in August of 1982. Since then the City has been working on purchasing the mineral rights to the property. City Attorney Dan Hultgrenn asked Councilmembers if they would like him to keep pursuing

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the mineral rights for the city. Council's consensus was to keep looking into the mineral rights.

Abandoned Right Away Property

The City received a letter from Jones Lang LaSalle regarding a narrow strip of land it desired to sell to one of the adjacent landowners. The property was 2,719 feet long by 100 feet wide. After further investigation the city does not own the land adjacent to the property, so it would be of no use to the city.

Second Amendment Foundation-Repeal CMC 9.28.020.

City Attorney Dan Hultgrenn received a letter from the Second Amendment Foundation asking the City of Connell to repeal Connell Municipal Code 9.28.020 relating to prohibiting the possession of firearms by people who are consuming alcoholic beverages that was unlawful.

Unfinished Business: Bring Ordinance back to next council meeting.

2012 BUDGET AMENDMENT

The City was able to retire an additional \$130,000 for the Farm Bonds. This was offset by an increase in revenue to the water fund that was transferred to Fund 416 Water/Sewer Bond Redemption fund. A budget amendment was necessary for this fund to account for the increased expenditure since there was not an ending fund balance buffer.

Motion: Councilmember Broberg moved to approve Ordinance No. 935 amending the 2012 fiscal Year Budget. Councilmember Quinton seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

2013 PRELIMINARY BUDGET DISCUSSION

Mayor Walton reviewed the preliminary budget for fiscal year 2013 with Councilmembers. Councilmembers decided to hold a Special Council meeting on October 22, 2012 to discuss the 2013 budget.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR POSITION

MEETING RECESSED

At 6:57 pm Mayor Walton announced an executive session for 15 minutes to evaluate the qualification of an applicant for public employment.

Mayor Walton came out at 7:15 pm and extended the executive session for 10 more minutes.

Mayor Walton came out at 7:25 pm and extended the executive session for 5 more minutes

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MEETING RECONVENED

Mayor Walton reconvened the Regular Meeting at 7:34 pm.

No action taken. City Administrator position would be advertised again in November.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business before the City Council of Connell, Mayor Walton adjourned the meeting at 7:35 pm.

ATTEST: _____
Rose Courneya, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

Mayor, Gary Walton