

MEETING OF THE CITY OF CONNELL, WASHINGTON
CONNELL, FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON
October 22, 2012

The Special Council Meeting, of the Connell City Council was called to order by Mayor Walton at 6:01 pm in the City Hall.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Gary Walton, Mayor Pro Tem Rhonda Quinton, and Councilmembers: Lee Barrow and Jared Broberg.

STAFF: Public Works Director Larry Turner, Police Chief Mike Kessler, Fire Chief Chris Schulte, and City Clerk/ Treasurer Maria Peña.

VISITOR: Kathy Bingham, Franklin County Graphic and Kathy Silva.

2013 PRELIMINARY BUDGET DISCUSSION

City Clerk/ Treasurer Maria Peña reviewed the preliminary forecast for each fund: revenues, expenditures, and overage/shortages.

City Clerk/ Treasurer Maria Peña reviewed the General Fund Administrative revenues and expenditures. Expenditures included a new building permitting module and 5 additional licenses for users.

Police Chief Mike Kessler explained the Police Department's budget, and stated his department's priorities for the budget were the Radio Site Construction, Fingerprinting System upgrade, and Incident/Disaster Trailer. Discussion was held on spending the Criminal Justice fund in 2013 or 2014 to build a storage building for the patrol cars. Engineering costs for the building would be included in the 2013 budget.

The Fire Department expenditures increased for supplies, testing services, and SCBA equipment. Also, the cost of doing the Fire Departments laundry was discussed.

Park & Recreation Director budget included April-May 20 hours a week, June-August 30 hours a week, and September 20 hours a week. The Park & Recreation Director would not manage the pool. Capital improvements for the Park & Recreation included bleachers, picnic shelter, Skate Park, soccer, and Pioneer Park rest room improvements.

General Reserve Fund included revenue for public safety-criminal justice tax. Transfers out of the Reserve Fund included \$125,000 to the General Fund for police expenditures, and \$22,220 to the General Fund for fire expenditure.

Street Fund expected to see \$95,000 in revenues from the Motor Vehicle Fuel tax and a transfer of \$64,000 from the General Fund to offset operating cost. Capital expenditures included: a new vacuum trailer, vehicle purchase, and street chip seal. Redoing the sidewalk and curb by the pavilion was discussed and included in the street budget.

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Council consensus was to remove the \$5,000 from the Hotel Motel expenditures for the tourism study. Hotel/Motel Committee allocations were discussed for 2013.

Water Fund surcharge revenues were approximately \$20,000 more. The budget for 2013 with a 6% increase to water charges would increase water revenue about \$33,000. Lamb Weston water rates would not change for 2013. Expenditures included: building permit module, water/sewer rate study, and Public Works Board Loan. Public Works Director Turner advised Councilmembers of well work that would need to be done in 2013.

Sewer Fund revenues coming in as projected. A decrease in sewer connections revenue was expected in 2013. The Amber farm lease revenue had increased. Expenditures included: building/permitting module, water/sewer rate study, vacuum trailer, and vehicle purchase. Public Works Director Turner was looking at replacing a sewer pump. Inmate services expenses to change to \$2,000 for year 2013. Sewer rates to increase 3% for the 2013 budget.

Solid Waste Fund charges for services are on track. Budget revenues may need to increase to \$270,000 for collections. Fund continues to support itself.

City Clerk/ Treasurer Maria Peña reviewed the City's debt obligations.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Mayor Walton adjourned the Special meeting at 8:25 pm.

ATTEST: _____
Rose Courneya, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

Gary Walton, Mayor