

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

March 2, 2015

The regular semi-monthly meeting, of the City Council of the City of Connell 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, Kathie Silva, Rhonda Quinton and Ray Minor.

STAFF: City Attorney Dan Hultgrenn , City Administrator Jed Crowther, Police Chief Chris Turner, Fire Chief Chris Schulte, Public Works Director Larry Turner, and Clerk/Treasurer Maria Peña.

VISITORS: Kathy Bingham, Franklin County Graphic and Citizen Ben Estock.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Councilmember Minor moved to approve the Consent Calendar as amended.

- a) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting February 2, 2015
- b) Check Register 2/3/2015 for \$215.95
- c) Check Register 2/17/2015 for \$96,327.04
- d) Accounts Payroll 3/2/2015 for \$55,149.77
- e) Payroll Check Register 1/31-2/5/2015 for \$89,147.28
- f) Payroll Check Register 2/15/2015 for \$50,897.44

Councilmember Escalera seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Councilmember Quinton moved to approve the Agenda with the addition of:
13A) Seamless Docs

Councilmember Silva seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING –PROHIBITING PRODUCTION, PROCESSING, RETAIL SALE

Mayor Blackwell recessed the regular meeting at 6:04 pm and opened a Public Hearing for the purpose of enacting Section 17.025 of the Connell Municipal Code Prohibiting Production, Processing, and/or Retail Outlets, Sales of Marijuana, and Collective Gardens for the Production, Distribution and Dispensing of Cannabis for Medical Uses.

STAFF REPORT: City Administrator Crowther stated the Marijuana Hearing Information Packet had been available since January 5, 2015. An Open Record Hearing was conducted by Planning Commission on January 26, 2015. Planning Commission recommended acceptance of the staff report, findings, and recommendations with modification of one minor section of the draft ordinance. No written public comments were received. Other local jurisdictions had banned marijuana related land use through adoptions of ordinances.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS: Ben Estock was in favor of the banning of Marijuana related land use.

COUNCILMEMBERS COMMENT PORTION OF THE HEARING: Councilmember Minor explained the city was not trying to stop anyone's legal rights and he was in favor of banning marijuana related land use. Councilmembers Silva, Escalera, and Quinton all were in favor of banning Marijuana related land use. Mayor Pro Tem Huber was also in favor of banning Marijuana related land use.

Mayor Blackwell closed the hearing and opened regular meeting at 6:16pm.

Motion: Councilmember Minor moved to adopt Ordinance No. 951-2015 Enacting Section 17.025 of the Connell Municipal Code Prohibiting Production, Processing, and/or Retail Outlets, Sales of Marijuana, and Collective Gardens for the Production, Distribution and Dispensing of Cannabis for Medical Use and Councilmembers accepted all facts and findings presented. Councilmember Quinton seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

MASTER FEE SCHEDULE UPDATE-POLICE DEPARTMENT

The FBI had changed the concealed pistol charge from \$52.50 to \$50.75.

Resolution No. 2015-04 was presented to Councilmembers to update the Master Fee Schedule.

Motion: Councilmember Quinton moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-04 updating the Master Fee Schedule. Mayor Pro Tem Huber seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

PARKS & RECREATION & ATHLETICS-NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

State Statute required the City to establish a park and recreation and athletics non-discrimination policy on the basis of gender. Staff had prepared a resolution for Councilmembers to approve.

Motion: Councilmember Quinton moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-03 Establishing a parks and recreation and athletics non-discrimination policy on the basis of gender. Councilmember Escalera seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

FLOAT TRAILER BID

The City received two bids for the float trailer. The lowest bid was from Fox Trailers Inc., in the amount of \$20,117 plus tax.

Motion: Councilmember Escalera moved to accept the bid from Fox Trailers Inc. in the amount of \$20,117 plus tax. Councilmember Escalera seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH GRANT

Public Works Director Turner explained the Department of Health awarded a \$25,000 dollar grant to the City of Connell for the study of Well #6.

STRIKER PARK-DESIGN RECOMMENDATION

Public Works staff had observed daily use patterns for various city parks. Striker Park was not being used year around. The Public Works and Park Board discussed converting the baseball area in Striker Park to a sand volleyball court. Striker Park could also accommodate two soccer fields. Staff was asking for councils opinions and would also solicit feedback from the community.

SEAMLESSDOCS AGREEMENT

SeamlessDocs was a company that helped governments provide a more efficient and effective way for its citizens to fill out city forms. Citizens would have the opportunity to fill out city forms on the website and the data would be saved on the Cloud. Councilmember Minor was concerned how the staff would retrieve the forms from SeamlessDocs if the city received a public records request. City Attorney Dan Hultgrenn had reviewed the agreement.

Motion: Councilmember Escalera moved to sign agreement with Seamlessdocs.
Councilmember Minor seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE / DEPARTMENT REPORTS

CITY ADMINISTRATOR-Jed Crowther

- 1) Partnered with Port of Pasco-Obtained a grant for target industry analysis.
- 2) Housing Authority of Pasco & Franklin County will present at the next Council meeting
- 3) Habitat for Humanity –Kick off in Connell
- 4) March 11th Short course on land issues hosted by City of Othello
- 5) Attended AWC Legislative Conference. Spoke to Senator Schoesler about the railroad.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR –LARRY TURNER

- 1) Apply for CDBG grant for wastewater study
- 2) Draft permit from Ecology back to city for review
- 3) Working on Water Permit
- 4) Putting in 16 trees on Main Street if budget allows
- 5) Quiet zone curbs will be put up when weather warms up
- 6) Pavilion floor to be fixed
- 7) Community Center kitchen floor being replaced.

POLICE CHIEF-Chris Turner

- 1) Issues with juveniles stealing alcohol
- 2) Theft was becoming a problem-located the person and now in jail
- 3) Officer Quinton started DARE Program

FIRE CHIEF-Chris Schulte

- 1) Burned the Esquatzel
- 2) Attended a radio user meeting –received about \$40,000 in radios & equipment

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- 3) Will be going to Arizona for an incident Commander Meeting.
- 4) Correction Center fixed issues

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business before the City Council of Connell, Mayor Blackwell adjourned the meeting at 7:21 pm.

ATTEST: _____
Rose Courneya, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

Bruce Blackwell, Mayor