

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

June 6, 2016

The regular semi-monthly meeting, of the Connell City Council was called to order by Mayor Blackwell at 6:01 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: Rhonda Quinton, Kathie Silva, Joe Escalera, and Ray Minor.

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

VISITORS: Kathy Bingham, Franklin County Graphic; Shaunessy, Jaki, Sterling Joyner; Stephanie Melgren and Jeri Reinauer, Connell Chamber; and John Lindner, Citizen.

CORRESPONDENCE/PRESENTATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

Jake Hollopeter from Anderson Perry presented Shaunessy Joyner with a scholarship.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Councilmember Quinton moved to approve the Consent Calendar as listed:

- a) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting May 16, 2016
(Spelling correction of Sticker to Striker)
- b) Check Register 5/17/2016 for \$340.08
- c) Check Register 6/1/2016 for \$218.48
- d) Accounts Payable June 6, 2016 for \$92,849.85
- e) Payroll Check Register 5/15-5/20/2016 for \$55,040.75
- f) Payroll Check Register 5/31-6/5/2016 for \$86,284.95

Councilmember Escalera seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENT/NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Stephanie Melgren from the Chamber had a miscommunication and didn't get the fireworks cost on the Hotel/Motel application. The Chamber was asking Council to allocate additional funds to be spent out of the Hotel/Motel Fund in 2016. The Hotel/Motel applications process would take place and then the outcome would come back to council for approval.

Motion: Councilmember Escalera move to allocate \$2,500 of additional allocations to be spent out of the Hotel /Motel Fund and reopen the process. Councilmember Silva seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Councilmember Minor moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Huber seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING-SIX YEAR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2017-2022

Mayor Blackwell recessed the regular meeting at 6:12 pm and opened a Public Hearing for the purpose of discussion on the Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan 2017-2022

STAFF REPORT:

Public Works Director Larry Turner provided Councilmember's with a power point presentation and provided a map with the proposed projects.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

COUNCILMEMBERS COMMENT PORTION OF THE HEARING:

How are the projects prioritized?

The Street Committee set the project prioritization.

Council consensus was to move forward with proposed changes for the 2017-2022 Six Year Transportation Improvement plan.

Mayor Blackwell closed the hearing and opened regular meeting at 6:33 pm.

SURPLUS OF POLICE DEPARTMENT FIREARMS

Police Chief Turner asked councilmember's to approve surplus of police firearms and work with a gun dealers for sale of firearms. Attorney Dan Hultgrenn stated the city would need to get a decent price for firearms.

Motion: Councilmember Silva moved to approve surplus of police firearms and allow the Police Chief to work with a licensed gun dealers. Councilmember Minor seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE / DEPARTMENT REPORTS

CLERK/TREASURER – City Clerk Treasurer Maria Peña

- 1) Finance Committee met and went over 2015 Annual Report.
- 2) Report has been submitted to the Auditor's office.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR – Jed Crowther

- 1) Would be attending DARE Graduation
- 2) Received more information regarding tax for Transportation Benefit District
- 3) Provided Park Board draft minutes

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POLICE DEPARTMENT – Police Chief Chris Turner

- 1) Dare graduation
- 2) High School graduation night quiet.

FIRE CHIEF- Chris Schulte

- 1) Coyote Ridge Correction Center annual inspection done
- 2) Approved fireworks permit
- 3) Fireworks would be done at the field of dreams-school property
- 4) Served on a wild land council
- 5) Fire on 395 in the County
- 6) Meeting with Moon Security at old grade school to discuss fire alarm system

MEETING RECESSED

Mayor Blackwell recessed the regular meeting at 6:47 pm to go into Executive session for 30 minutes to discuss to consider minimum price at which real estate would be offered for sale, to review the performance of a public employee, and to plan or adopt the strategy or position to be taken by the City during the course of any collective bargaining, professional negotiations, or grievance or mediation proceedings, or reviewing the proposals made in the negotiations or proceedings while in progress.

Mayor Blackwell came out at 7:17 pm and extended the meeting 15 minutes.

Mayor Blackwell came out at 7:32 and extended the meeting 10 minutes.

MEETING RECONVENED

Mayor Blackwell called the regular meeting back to order at 7:46 pm.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business before the City Council of Connell Mayor Blackwell adjourned the meeting at 7:46 pm.

ATTEST: _____
Rose Courneya, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

Bruce Blackwell, Mayor