

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

August 4, 2014

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, and Clerk/Treasurer Maria Peña.

VISITORS: Kathy Bingham, Franklin County Graphic: Christine Robertson, Red Waggin Rescue, and citizens Robert McCurry, and Andy Sawyer. Keenagers: Sharon Sellereite, Gail Eilmes, John Eilmes, and Regina Grassl.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Blackwell received a notice from Franklin County Planning and Building Department for a Condition Use Permit and a Pending Short Plat approval. Washington State Liquor Board advised the City of a special occasion liquor permit for the Fall Festival.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Councilmember Silva moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

- a) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting July 21,2014
- b) Accounts Payable Register 8/4/2014 for \$31,794.31

Councilmember Quinton seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Councilmember Quinton moved to approve the Order of Business with the addition of:
11A. Franklin County land proposal.

Councilmember Minor seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

POLICE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

The City worked cooperatively with the Teamsters Union to craft an acceptable Bargaining Agreement. The new Bargaining Agreement would include a 3% increase in salaries, retroactive to January 1, 2014. Staff recommends the approval of the Police Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Motion: Councilmember Minor moved to approve Police Collective Bargaining Agreement January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2016 with updated Appendix B. Councilmember Escalera seconded motion. Motion carried.

Councilmember Quinton did not participate in the discussion of this Collective Bargaining Agreement and did not vote on the agreement. (abstained from voting)

RED WAGGIN' RESCUE AGREEMENT

The City worked with the Red Waggin' Rescue group to craft an agreement for dog services. The agreement was consistent with the service they have been providing to the City. The Red Waggin' Rescue picks up dogs from the city pound. Staff recommended approved of the agreement with Red Waggin' Rescue. Councilmember Minor spoke on behalf of the agreement with Red Waggin' Rescue.

Motion: Councilmember Minor moved to approve the Agreement between the City of Connell and the Red Waggin' Rescue. Councilmember Quinton seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CIAW-RENEWAL DATE CHANGE

Clerk/Treasurer Maria Peña received a letter from Cities Insurance Association of Washington requesting a resolution be passed to change the insurance coverage dates from September 1st through August 31st and December 1st through November 30th of the preceding calendar year. The Resolution would need to be passed in order to keep the cities risk insurance coverage with Cities Insurance Association of Washington.

Motion: Councilmember Silva moved to Adopt Resolution No.2014-11 changing the renewal date with Cities Insurance Association of Washington. Councilmember Minor seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

WATERLINE EASEMENT UPDATE/ FRANKLIN COUNTY LAND PROPOSAL

City Administrator Crowther provided an update on the waterline easement for the waterline replacement by the Connell Park Estates. Mr. Crowther had spoken to the Keenagers about the waterline. The City Administrator discussed the staff's involvement in crafting the easement for the waterline.

Franklin County Commissioners denied the easement request on July 16, 2014. Franklin County Commissioners wanted to resolve all land issues the County had in Connell at the same time and requested a land swap. Franklin County owned the parking lot at the Connell Community Center but the city used and maintained it. The City of Connell would like to obtain approval of the easement and then handle the land issue separately. Citizen comments were:

- 1) Sharon Sellereite –swapping land for easement was not equal.
- concerned with inability to use the parking lot
- 2) Gale Eilmes-surprised the City didn't own the parking lot by the Connell Community Center. The Community Center was an asset the Connell. Felt Franklin County was holding the parking lot as hostage.
- 3) Regina Grassl- Community Center was more than senior lunch. What were the laws on use of property over so many years? Not happy with County.
- 4) Andy Sawyer-asked what Franklin County wanted land for?

City Administrator Crowther presented the land swap proposed by Franklin County for the easement. City Administrator Crowther would present a report with Council's response to the Franklin County Commissioners at the next Commissioners meeting.

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MEETING RECESSED

At 7:13 pm Mayor Blackwell announced an Executive Session for 15 minutes to discuss with legal counsel representing the City litigation or potential litigation to which the City, or a city council member or employee was, or may, be a party.

Mayor Blackwell came out at 7:28 pm and extended Executive Session for 15 minutes
Mayor Blackwell came out at 7:43 pm and extended Executive Session for 10 minutes.

MEETING RECONVENED

Mayor Blackwell reconvened the Regular Meeting at 7:53 pm.

Motion: Councilmember Quinton moved to reject Franklin County's offer to exchange property and would propose to the County that the City would purchase the parking lot parcel 109851109 for a fair Market value as determined by an appraisal if Franklin County would execute the easement agreement for the waterline in the form recently presented(30 foot). Councilmember Escalera seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE / DEPARTMENT REPORTS

POLICE CHIEF- Chris Turner

- 1) Booked a gentlemen on burglary
- 2) Recovered a stolen vehicle
- 3) Leticia doing well at academy
- 4) Working on public records requests

FIRE DEPARTMENT – Chris Schulte

- 1) Discussed Fires he work on at the Federal level
- 2) Thanked City for allowing him help with Federal fires

CITY ADMINISTRATOR-Jed Crowther

- 1) Turned in CDBG Application-results should be posted in the middle of September
- 2) Progress had been made on the Quiet Zone

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business before the City Council of Connell, Mayor Blackwell adjourned the meeting at 8:18 pm.

ATTEST: _____
Rose Courneya, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

Bruce Blackwell, Mayor