

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

January 22, 2013

The regular semi-monthly meeting, of the Connell City Council was called to order by Mayor Walton at 7:00 pm in the City Hall and was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Walton, Mayor Pro Tem Quinton, and Councilmembers: Kathy Silva, Monty Huber, Lee Barrow, and Ray Minor.

STAFF: Attorney Dan Hultgrenn, Public Works Director Larry Turner, and Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer Rose Courneya.

VISITORS: Kathy Bingham, Franklin County Graphic; Citizens Bob Widows, Regina Grassl, Danielle Briney, Helen Tobin, and Kimmy Sanders.

CORRESPONDENCE/APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Walton received liquor renew notices from the Washington State Liquor Board for the following business: Pizza Station, Steel's Got Liquor, Hazy's, Michael Jay's Family Restaurant, and R & R Quik Mart.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS 2013

BENTON-FRANKLIN COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE

Gary Walton, Mayor

BENTON-FRANKLIN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Councilmember Lee Barrow

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Maria Peña, Clerk/Treasurer
Vacant, City Administrator
Ray Minor, Councilmember

Gary Walton, Mayor
Kathy Silva, Councilmember

FRANKLIN COUNTY DISABILITY BOARD

Mayor Walton

FRANKLIN COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BOARD

Police Chief Mike Kessler

GOOD ROADS ASSOCIATES

Gary Walton, Mayor

STREET AND ALLEYWAYS COMMITTEE

City Administrator
Public Works Director Larry Turner
Councilmember Rhonda Quinton
Councilmember Lee Barrow

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CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Jeri Reinauer, Secretary Don Krein Vacant Position Regina Janosky

PARK BOARD MEMBERS

Amy Mullerleile, Secretary Helen Tobin Gene Stocking Jaeniffer Kaiser
Carol Linder Rhonda Quinton, School Representative
(if wants reappointed)

PLANNING COMMISSION

City Administrator Amy Mullerleile, Secretary Molly Kunkel
Bruce Bowen Darrell Ferguson Casey Hart
Roger Bailie

SALARY COMMISSION

City Administrator Vacant Position
David Hart Manuel Silva (if wants reappointed)

HOTEL/MOTEL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Chair Gary Walton
Burl Booker Cassandra Hart Debra Martinez Regina Janosky

REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

Mayor Gary Walton, Councilmember Lee Barrow, Councilmember Monty Huber
City Administrator, City Attorney Dan Hultgrenn

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Quinton moved to approve the Consent Calendar as listed.

- a) Minutes of the Regular Council meeting January 2, 2013.
- b) Check Register 1/3/2013 for \$213.92
- c) Check Register 12/30/2012 for \$3,554.18
- d) Check Register 1/15/2013 for \$300.00
- e) Accounts Payable 12/31/2012 for \$81,789.76
- f) Accounts Payable 1/22/2013 for \$60,278.62
- g) Payroll Check Register 12/31/2012 for \$27,155.25
- h) Payroll Check Register 1/1-1/11/2013 for \$49,871.21
- i) Payroll Check Register 1/15- 1/20/2013 for \$44,010.66

Councilmember Barrow seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENT/NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Helen Tobin submitted in signed petitions of citizens that would like to see the noon whistle turned back on.

Regina Grassel spoke on behalf of turning back on the noon whistle in Connell.

Bob Widows supported on not turning back on the noon whistle and doing something different to draw people into Connell. He would like to see a wind mill.

Mayor Walton gave some history on the noon siren/whistle.

Kimmy Sanders asked Councilmembers to turn back on the noon whistle.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Quinton moved to approve the Agenda with addition of:
9A) Staff Security in City Hall
Councilmember Barrow seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

NOON WHISTLE DISCUSSION

Councilmembers held discussion on the noon whistle and the following were heard:

- 1) Doesn't hurt peoples hearing.
- 2) System is already in place.
- 3) What is the cost to fixing the siren behind the library?
- 4) Some groups are in favor, some are not in favor, and some don't care.
- 5) Some people are disturbed by the noon whistle.
- 6) Should the siren/whistle be moved?
- 7) Volunteer fireman like the whistle.
- 8) Seems like more people in community want it back on.

Unfinished Business: Public Works Director Larry Turner to bring repair estimates to the next council meeting

CASCADE EARTH SCIENCES CONTRACT RENEWAL

Public Works Director Larry Turner explained the Cascade Earth Science contract was renewed annually. They provided soil sampling and prepare the City's State Waste Irrigation and Crop Management Plan as required. The contract is the same as last year. The total of the contract for 2013 would be \$10,900.

Motion: Councilmember Barrow moved to approve Mayor Walton to sign the contract with Cascade Earth Sciences for the amount of \$10,900. Councilmember Silva seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

STAFF SECURITY AT CITY HALL

Mayor Walton presented three estimates from Perfection Glass totaling \$13,840 to update doors and windows in the front office for better security of staff. The estimated also included a front door handicap automatic door opener.

MEETING RECESSED

At 8:15 pm Mayor Walton 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 is, or may be, a party.

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Mayor Walton invited Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Rose Courneya into Executive Session.

MEETING RECONVENED

Mayor Walton reconvened the Regular Meeting at 8:30 pm and the following was heard:

Motion: Councilmember Barrow moved to reimburse two customers that have been identified as being charged for sewer usage without being provided the service. Reimbursement would go back six years. Mayor Pro Tem Quinton seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business before the City Council of Connell, Mayor Walton adjourned the meeting at 8:32 pm.

ATTEST: _____
Rose Courneya, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

Gary Walton, Mayor