

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

February 19, 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, and Councilmembers: Lee Barrow, Monty Huber, Kathy Silva, and Ray Minor.

EXCUSED:

**Motion:** Councilmember Silva moved to excuse Mayor Pro Tem Quinton. Councilmember Barrow seconded. Motion carried out unanimously.

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

VISITORS: Kathy Bingham, Franklin County Graphic; Alan Schroeder, Anderson Perry; Zachariah Collom, and Citizens Ken Sellereite, Sharon Selleriete, Danielle Briney.

CORRESPONDENCE/APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Walton received a liquor renew notice from the Washington State Liquor Board for Mei-Ling Inn.

Mayor Walton called Special Council Meetings on February 20, 2013 for the city administrator position.

City Attorney Hultgrenn advised Councilmember's; the Mayor was seeking recommendations from Council to whom they would recommend the Mayor appointment as the city administrator.

CONSENT CALENDAR

**Motion:** Councilmember Barrow moved to approve the Consent Calendar as changed.

- a) Minutes of the Regular Council meeting February 6, 2013
- b) Check Register 2/4/2013 for \$211.03
- c) Check Register 2/12/2013 for \$13,000
- d) Check Register 2/13/2013 for \$27.00
- e) Accounts Payable 2/19/2013 for \$81,578.36

Councilmember Silva seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENT/NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Walton stated the General Fund ending balance was better than expected.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Motion:** Councilmember Barrow moved to approve the Agenda as listed.

Councilmember Silva seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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KEN SELLEREITE-TREE PLAN

Mr. Sellereite presented a tree plan for maintaining the City's trees. Mr. Sellereite was working with the Public Works Director Larry Turner. There were currently about 150 trees on Columbia Avenue.

Mr. Sellereite discussed the following tree issues with Councilmembers:

- 1) Wrong trees planted
- 2) Soil bad
- 3) Need drip line irrigation system
- 4) Replacing about 5 trees a year at the cost \$200 per tree.
- 5) Change the variety of trees planted

Councilmember's held discussion.

Public Works Director Turner explained the direction he would like to go with the cities trees. There were businesses in town willing to pay for replacing trees in front of their businesses.

Councilmember Barrow would like staff to work with business on were the trees would be planted.

Councilmember Minor asked about the cost of irrigation update and where the water supplied came from.

Council Thanked Mr. Sellereite for all his work.

ANDERSON PERRY

Alan Schroeder from Anderson Perry introduced himself to the new Councilmembers and stated he had worked with the City since 1996.

The three projects presented need Councilmember's approval to pay retainage when City Clerk/Treasurer Maria Peña received all final paperwork.

A) Application for Payment No. 6 -Final Retainage –POW Contracting, Inc.

**Motion:** Councilmember Silva moved to approve Application for Payment No. 6- Retainage Release to POW Contracting, Inc in the amount of \$53,932.97 once all proper paperwork was received. Councilmember Barrow seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

B) Application for Payment No. 2 -Final Retainage-Sharpe & Preszler Construction, Inc.

**Motion:** Councilmember Barrow moved to approve Application for Payment No. 2- Retainage Release to Sharpe & Preszler Construction, Inc in the amount of \$14, 713.35 once all proper paperwork was received. Councilmember Silva seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

C) Application for Payment No. 4 – Final Retainage-Allstar Construction

**Motion:** Councilmember Silva moved to approve Application for Payment No. 4- Retainage Release to Allstar Construction in the amount of \$2,501.49 once all proper

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paperwork was received. Councilmember Huber seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BUILDING INSPECTION SERVICE AGREEMENT**

The City currently contracts building inspection and planning review services with Franklin County. Franklin County had presented the City with a renewal contract for an additional three-year period. No substantive changes were made to the existing contract.

***Motion:*** Councilmember Barrow moved to approve the renewal contact with Franklin County for inspection and planning services and authorize the Mayor's signature. Councilmember Minor seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**STAFF REPORTS**

City Clerk/Treasurer Maria provided financial reports to Councilmember's.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

There being no further business before the City Council of Connell, Mayor Walton adjourned the meeting at 8:02 pm.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rose Courneya, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

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Gary Walton, Mayor