

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

March 18, 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 Gary Walton, Mayor Pro Tem Ronda Quinton, and Councilmembers: Lee Barrow, Monty Huber, Kathy Silva, and Ray Minor.

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; Citizen Shelby Kessler.

CORRESPONDENCE/APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Walton congratulated Kathy Bingham for receiving the Women of the Year Award.

Zachariah Collom thanked Council for his interview.

City Clerk/Treasurer Maria Peña stated Mayor Walton received the Shining Star Award from Community Action Connections for his outstanding work.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Councilmember Silva moved to approve the Consent Calendar.

- a) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting February 19, 2013
- b) Minutes of the Special Council Meeting February 20, 2013
- c) Minutes of the Special Council Meeting February 22, 2013
- d) CW Consulting Agreement not to exceed \$3,000
- e) Check Register 3/1/2013 for \$209.91
- f) Check Register 3/6/2013 for \$109,140.55
- g) Payroll Register 2/15 -2/20/2013 for \$42,480.78
- h) Payroll Check Register 2/28 – 3/5/2013 for \$66,587.06
- i) Accounts Payable 3/18/2013 for \$134,750.28

Councilmember Barrow seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Councilmember Silva seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-01- MARIJUANA COLLECTIVE GARDEN

City Attorney Dan Hultgrenn provided Councilmembers a memo on Washington Medical Marijuana laws, and Federal Marijuana Laws. Councilmembers had previously approved Resolution 2011-12 establishing a Moratorium on Collective Gardens on September 9, 2011, and conducted the required hearing on November 2, 2011. Since that time, the Council had extended the Moratorium Resolution twice, the last being on October 3, 2012. Mr. Hultgrenn recommended Councilmembers

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extended the resolution. Chief Kessler also recommended extending the current moratorium resolution. Council held discussion.

Mayor Walton opened the discussion for Citizen Comments.

Motion: Councilmember Minor moved to continue the moratorium and approved an extension to Resolution No. 2013-01. Councilmember Barrow seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

STAFF SECURITY /FRONT DOOR ADA BUTTON

Mayor Walton spoke to Councilmembers about staff security at prior council meetings. The Councilmembers were presented with two quotes; one from Tri-City Glass and the other from Perfection Glass to update glass and doors for staff security. City staff's opinion was not to do the update at all. Councilmembers held discussion. Council would like to see the front door updated with an ADA Door. Bring back to a future meeting with more information.

PARK & RECREATION DIRECTOR

Park & Recreation Committee met on March 12, 2013 to review the three applications for the Park & Recreation Director. Park & Recreation Committee recommended Council offer the job to Jason Janosky. The position of Park & Recreation Director would start in April.

Mayor Walton approved expenditure of 1,353.03 plus tax to purchase bases for the ball fields

Motion: Councilmember Barrow moved to approve purchase of ball field bases from BSN Sports in the amount of \$1,353.03 plus tax. Mayor Pro Tem Quinton seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACT

Newly hired City Administrator GianPaolo Mammone would start on April 16, 2013. Mayor Walton asked Councilmembers if they had any questions on City Administrator Contract. None Heard.

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Quinton moved to approve the Mayor to sign the new City Administrator Contract between GianPaolo Mammone and the City of Connell. Councilmember Barrow seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING RECESSED

At 8:00 pm Mayor Walton announced an Executive Session for 10 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.

City Clerk/Treasurer was invited into the Executive Session.

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MEETING RECONVENED

Mayor Walton reconvened the Regular Meeting at 8:11 pm and the following was heard:

Motion: Councilmember Barrow moved to reimburse sewer customers billed a sewer fee who were not hooked into the City's sewer system. The payment would reflect 6 years back of sewer fees. Mayor Pro Tem Quinton seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

STAFF REPORT

City Clerk/Treasurer Maria Peña gave the Councilmembers updated financial reports, showing expenditures and revenues.

Mayor Pro Tem asked about railroad crossing getting rough on Adam Street.

Councilmember Barrow inquired about signage to help direct visitors to Connell.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business before the City Council of Connell, Mayor Walton adjourned the meeting at 8:14 pm.

ATTEST: _____
Rose Courneya, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

Gary Walton, Mayor