

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

July 15, 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 Rhonda Quinton, and Councilmember's: Monty Huber, Kathie Silva, and Ray Minor.

EXCUSED:

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Quinton moved to excuse Councilmember Barrow, seconded by Councilmember Minor. Motion carried unanimously.

STAFF: Attorney Dan Hultgrenn, City Administrator GianPaolo Mammone, 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, Citizens; Orion Raabe, Bobbie Holt, Charles Raabe, Mary, Claudia Bingham, Mark Scott, Kelle Scott, and Barry Bingham.

CORRESPONDENCE/APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Walton received a notice from the Washington State Liquor Control Board for Tapia's Bakery and Market for discontinued sales and service of liquor.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- a) Minutes of the Regular Council meeting June 17, 2013
- b) Class IV Work Project Description-A Non-Profit Entity
- c) Check Register 5/15/2013 for \$35.02
- d) Check Register 5/21/2013 for \$1,494.50
- e) Check Register 7/1/2013 for \$218.06
- f) Check Register 7/3/2013 for \$162,788.66
- g) Check Register 7/10/2013 for \$1,852.09
- h) Accounts Payable 7/15/2013 for \$152,358.61
- i) Payroll Check Register 6/15-6/20/2013 for \$53,756
- j) Payroll Check Register 6/30-7/5/2013 for \$74,151.64
- k) Payroll Check Register 7/10/2013 for \$11,816.92

Councilmember Huber seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENT/NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mark Scott, 644 N. Columbia, provided a handout to the Council in regards to feral cats in the City of Connell. Mr. Scott requested that Council make changes to Connell Municipal Code (CMC) 8.08 Dogs, Cats and Household Pets. Mr. Scott noted that cats were not included in CMC 8.08.130 License Required paragraphs A, B, C, E, F, G, and H. Mr. Scott expressed his concern with the quantity of feral cats in his neighborhood. Mr. Scott asked that Council make

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changes to the code and suggested the City implement a 30 day period to license the cats or get rid of them.

Claudia Bingham, 326 E. Davis, voiced her concern with stray cats and referenced a letter that she had previously provided to Council. Ms. Bingham advised she had contacted several organizations and was told they were not able to help with the cat problem. Ms. Bingham referenced Connell Municipal Code 8.08.120 Acts Prohibited as to the care of animals.

Mayor Walton directed staff to work with the City Attorney to research the issue and bring back information at the next Council meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Quinton moved to approve the Agenda as changed;
Addition Item 9 A) Resolution No. 2013-05 Rescinding Bid Award
Addition Item 10 A) Cooperative Agreement between City of Connell and USDA,
Forest Service
Council Councilmember Silva seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 939-2013 – ESTABLISHING REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS DATE
AND TIME

City Administrator Mammone proposed that the City move the first Council meeting from the first Wednesday of the month at 6:00 pm to the first Monday of the month at 6:00 pm and that the second Council meeting on the third Monday of the month start at 6:00 pm instead of 7:00 pm. This would make the meetings more uniform and less confusing for the public.

Motion: Councilmember Silva moved to adopt Ordinance No. 939-2013.
Councilmember Minor seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

FCS WATER SEWER STUDY

City Clerk Treasurer Peña presented to Council a request to approve a contract with FCS for services to update the city's water and sewer rate study. In 2010 FCS had provided an update to the water/sewer rate study they initially had completed in 2009. Staff felt that it would be in the City's best interest to have FCS provide an updated study to determine if the City's rates were in need of any adjustments.

Motion: Councilmember Silva moved to approve the City enter into a contract with FCS in the amount of \$12,585 to provide a water and sewer rate update.
Mayor Pro Tem Quinton seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-05 RESCINDING BID AWARD AND REJECTING ALL BIDS

City Administrator Mammone provided that as a follow up to a review of the bids pertaining to the Birch Street Sidewalk project staff realized that irregularities had occurred in the bidding for the project for the repair and replacement of some curb, sidewalk and parking strip near the City pool and only one of the three contractors had made a proposed bid based on the correct scope of work. City Administrator Mammone recommended that the previously bid award be rescinded and that any and all bids be rejected for the Birch Street Project by adopting Resolution No. 2013-05.

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Motion: Councilmember Minor moved to adopt Resolution 2013-05. Councilmember Huber seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

BIRCH STREET SIDEWALK RE-BID

Public Works Director Turner reported that after the Council awarded the Birch Street Sidewalk bid to Dug Excavation on June 5, 2013 it was discovered that the contractor had missed approximately 100 feet of the project which would have added approximately \$10,000 to the cost of the project. In discussion with the City Administrator and Mayor it was agreed to write a new RFP and have everyone re-bid the project. Public Works Director Turner advised that there was a chance to receive a grant that could help offset the cost of the project if the City held off on construction until next spring.

Motion: Councilmember Silva moved to grant the Birch Street Sidewalk project to Allstar Construction in the amount of \$41,409 plus tax. Mayor Pro Tem Quinton seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF CONNELL AND USDA, FOREST SERVICE

Fire Chief Schulte provided that in July 2011 a Cooperative Agreement with the Colville National Forest had been approved. This agreement allowed properly qualified members of the Fire Department to participate on management federally declared emergencies and wildland fires. Chief Schulte advised that there had been some administrative dispatching difficulties with his current contract that had prohibited him from being dispatched to an incident last year. The new contract would be moved to the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest and would align with the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) in Ellensburg which tracks fire qualifications for all fire service personnel in the SE region of DNR. Connell is in the SE DNR region.

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Quinton moved, after legal counsel review, and after completion of any recommended corrections, to approve the proposed cooperative agreement between the City of Connell and the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest to provide means for participation on incident management teams, cooperation in the suppression of wildland fires and to provide assistance or conduct operations during Presidential/Stafford Act declared disasters and emergencies. Councilmember Silva seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business before the City Council of Connell, Mayor Walton adjourned the meeting at 8:27 pm.

ATTEST: _____
Maria Peña, City Clerk/Treasurer

Gary Walton, Mayor