

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

September 16, 2013

The regular semi-monthly meeting, of the Connell City Council was called to order by Mayor Walton at 6:00 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, Lee Barrow, Kathie Silva, and Ray Minor.

STAFF: City Attorney Heidi Ellerd, Police Chief Mike Kessler, Fire Chief Chris Schulte, and City Clerk/Treasurer Maria Peña.

VISITORS: Kathy Bingham, Franklin County Graphic, John Darrington, Colin Baenziger & Associates; Ron Mchenry, Roger Bailie, Brian Ace, Boys & Girls Clubs; Citizens: Claudia Bingham and Barry Bingham.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Walton received liquor license renewal notices from the Washington State Liquor Control Board for Town & Country Lanes and Lep Re Kon Harvest Foods.

Mayor Walton received a letter asking the City of Connell for a Statement of Support for employees of the Guard and Reserves.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- a) Minutes of the Regular Council meeting September 3, 2013
- b) Check Register 7/30/2013 for \$178.10
- c) Check Register 9/3/2013 for \$217.21
- d) Accounts Payable 9/16/2013 for \$175,815.51
- e) Payroll Check Register 8/31 -9/5/2013 for \$67,226.50

Councilmember Barrow seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENT/NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Kathy Bingham thanked the Fire Department, Police Department, and the Mayor for all their help.

Mayor Walton reviewed damages around town from the previous night's storm.

Mayor Walton thanked Franklin County Fire District 3 out of Pasco & Fire District 4 out of Basin City for their help.

Councilmember Barrow thanked the Fire Department, Police Department, and Public Works Department for all their work on the Fall Festival weekend. Thanks to all the volunteers that worked to make the Fall Festival weekend a success.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Motion:** Councilmember Silva moved to approve the Agenda as presented.  
Councilmember Minor seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB-ROGER BAILIE

Roger Bailie invited Brain Ace and Ron Mchenry from the Boys & Girls Club to speak to Councilmember's on the possibility of starting a Boys & Girls Club in Connell. The presentation covered the history of the Boys & Girls, the mission, who the club was in 2012, the local need, and how the Boys & Girls Club worked. Mr. Ace would like to coordinate a tour for Councilmembers and community members to see a Boys & Girls club in action.

PUBLIC HEARING-MORATORIUM ON MEDICAL CANNABIS MARIJUANA

Mayor Walton recessed the regular meeting at 6:59 pm and opened a Public Hearing for the purpose of discussing Medical Cannabis Marijuana.

*STAFF REPORT:*

City Attorney Heidi Ellerd stated there were a few cases pending on Medical Cannabis Marijuana. The recommendation was to extend the current Moratorium Prohibiting Medical Cannabis Collective Gardens in all zoning districts within the City for another 6 months.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None Heard

COUNCILMEMBERS COMMENT PORTION OF THE HEARING: None Heard

Mayor Walton closed the hearing and opened regular meeting at 7:02 pm.

MEDICAL CANNABIS MARIJUANA MORATORIUM

**Motion:** Councilmember Barrow moved to adopt Resolution No. 2013-07 extending the Moratorium Prohibiting Medical Cannabis Collective Gardens in all zoning districts within the City of Connell. Councilmember Huber seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ADOPTION OF MORATORIUM ON RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA

City Attorney Dan Hultgrenn prepared a resolution to declare a Moratorium Prohibiting Producing, Processing, and Retail Sales of Recreational Marijuana and Setting a Public Hearing date as per council's consensus at the previous council meeting held on September 3, 2013.

**Motion:** Councilmember Barrow moved to adopt Resolution No. 2013-08 declaring a Moratorium Prohibiting Producing, Processing and Retail Sales of Recreational Marijuana and Setting a Public Hearing for October 21, 2013. Councilmember Minor seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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CITY ADMINISTRATOR POSITION DISCUSSION

Mayor Walton asked Councilmembers to move ahead with hiring Mr. Darrington from Colin Baenziger & Associates to provide recruiting services to for the next City Administrator. Councilmembers held discussion.

**Motion:** Councilmember Minor moved to approve Mayor Walton to sign a contract for recruiting service with Colin Baenziger & Associates not to exceed \$20,000. Councilmember 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 7:23 pm.

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

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Gary Walton, Mayor