

MEETING OF THE CITY OF CONNELL, WASHINGTON
CONNELL, FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON
January 20, 2015

The regular semi-monthly meeting, of the Connell City Council was called to order by Mayor Blackwell at 6:00 pm in the City Hall and was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Bruce Blackwell, Mayor Pro Tem Monty Huber, and Councilmember's: Joe Escalera, Rhonda Quinton, and Ray Minor.

EXCUSED: Mayor Pro Tem Huber moved to excuse Councilmember Silva. Councilmember Escalera seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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

VISITORS: Kathy Bingham, Franklin County Graphic

CORRESPONDENCE/APPOINTMENTS

Councilmember Escalera moved to appoint Helen Tobin -Park Board-Term 5/31/2014-5/2019, Robert Misener -Planning Commission 12/31/2014 -2020, Burl Booker, Cassandra Hart, Jim Paul, Regina Janosky to Hotel Motel Committee-1 year term. Mayor Pro Tem Minor seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Benton-Franklin Council of Governments sent a letter to the City that stated the City of Connell was awarded \$39,387 of Federal STP-Rural funds for construction/reconstruction of the Arterial Bituminous Surface Restoration project.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Councilmember Quinton moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented

- a) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting January 5, 2015
- b) Check Register 12/29/2014 for \$5,721.37
- c) Check Register 12/29/2014 for \$7,600.02
- d) Check Register 1/5/2015 for \$218.58
- e) Check Register 1/7/2015 for \$10,198.48
- f) Accounts Payable 12/31/2014 for \$54,931.28
- g) Accounts Payable 1/20/2015 for \$54,349.36
- h) Payroll Check Register 1/15-1/20/2015 for \$56,742.35

Mayor Pro Tem Huber seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Huber moved to approve the Agenda as presented. Councilmember Minor seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

GOVPAYNET-ONLINE CREDIT CARD PAYMENT

A Contract with GovPayNet would allow the city to accept payments for services with debit/credit card that the city currently does not except. There would be no additional cost to

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the city. The cardholder pays a service fee to GovPayNet when they use their debit/credit card. The fee would depend on the amount of the transaction. Discussion was held.

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Huber moved to approve Participation Agreement between the City of Connell and Government Payment Services, Inc. Councilmember Quinton seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

FIREWORKS DISCUSSION

Mayor Blackwell would like to see fireworks on July 4th, 2015 in Connell. A city group would have to take charge of putting on the fire work show. A Connell group could ask the Hotel/Motel Committee for funds to help with the fireworks.

City Clerk/Treasurer Maria Peña clarified the city could receive donations at the city for a fireworks show but the city would use the donations to reimburse the Connell group that took charge of putting on the firework show. City Attorney Dan Hultgrenn suggested donations be made directly to the Connell group that would be responsible for putting on the firework show.

CERB-PLANNING GRANT APPLICATION

Councilmembers were presented with a Draft CERB Planning Grant Application for the study of the Connell Railroad Interchange.

Motion: Councilmember Minor moved to pledge \$1,000 of city funds towards the match of CERB Planning Grant if grant was awarded. Councilmember Quinton seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE / DEPARTMENT REPORTS

CITY CLERK/TREASURER- Maria Peña

- 1) 2014 End of year numbers would be presented at the next meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR-Larry Turner

- 1) Chip Seal project with ADA upgrades done this spring
- 2) DOE Meeting-Go over Permit
- 3) Alternative site for Railroad

CHIEF OF POLICE-Chris Turner

- 1) Computers in cars
- 2) Reserve Officers program update
- 3) Graffiti around town
- 4) Windows Broken

FIRE DEPARTMENT – Fire Chief Chris Schulte

- 1) WSRB-Fire Protection Classification Rating is currently a 7
- 2) Franklin County Chiefs Meeting
- 3) Attended Franklin County Emergency Meeting

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business before the City Council of Connell, Mayor Blackwell adjourned the meeting at 6:43 pm.

ATTEST: _____
Rose Courneya, Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer

Bruce Blackwell, Mayor