

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

November 4, 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: Lee Barrow, Kathie Silva, and Ray Minor.

**EXCUSED:**

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

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

**VISITORS:** Kathy Bingham, Franklin County Graphic; Joe Escalera, Claudia Bingham, and Monica Chertok.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Tri-Ports (Ports of Kennewick, Benton and Pasco) invited the Council members to attend a lunch meeting with the representatives of the 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup> Districts on December 10, 2013 at the Red Lion Hotel in Kennewick.

CONSENT CALENDAR

**Motion:** Councilmember Barrow moved to approve the Consent Calendar with correction.

- a) Minutes of the Regular Council meeting October 21, 2013  
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- b) Check Register 11/01/2013 for \$214.97
- c) Accounts Payable 11/4/2013 for \$46,541.38

Mayor Pro Tem Quinton seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENT/NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Police Interim Alan Chertok introduced his wife Monica Chertok.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Motion:** Mayor Pro Tem Quinton moved to approve the Agenda as presented. Councilmember Barrow seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING -2014 PRELIMINARY BUDGET**

Mayor Walton recessed the regular meeting at 6:09 pm and opened a Public Hearing for the purpose of discussing the 2014 Preliminary Budget.

**STAFF REPORT:** City Clerk/Treasurer Maria Peña added a Police Officer/Animal Control position to the 2014 budget. The total cost for the additional position was \$70,554 from the General Fund. Clerk/Treasurer Peña reviewed the total fund balances for the 2014 budget.

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Public Works Director Larry Turner discussed an additional expenditure for the 2014 budget. Mr. Turner presented an estimate of \$150,000 to \$170,000 to replace a waterline within the Connell Park Estates that was in bad shape.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None Heard

COUNCILMEMBERS COMMENT PORTION OF THE HEARING: Councilmember Barrow asked if the new Police Officer/Animal Control position was budgeted as an entry level position. Mayor Pro Tem Quinton asked if the Park Estates waterline replacement was in the 2014 budget.

Mayor Walton closed the hearing and opened regular meeting at 6:28 pm.

CONNELL MUNICIPAL CODE UPDATE-CHAPTER 2.24 –AUXILIARY POLICE FORCE  
Interim Police Chief Alan Chertok reviewed why the Connell Municipal Code Chapter 2.24 Auxiliary Police Force was being updated. The original code had not been updated since 1963. City Attorney Dan Hultgren reviewed the updated ordinance prior to it being presented to Councilmembers. Councilmembers held discussion.

**Motion:** Councilmember Barrow moved to adopt Ordinance No. 941-2013 amend the Auxiliary Police Force Chapter 2.24. Mayor Pro Tem Quinton seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**BUILDING SERVICES CLERK POSITION**

Mayor Walton explained staff recommended hiring current employee Sterling Joyner for the Building Services Clerk position. The position was offered to Sterling Joyner, and he accepted the new position. Public Works Director Turner will be advertising to fill the vacant maintenance position.

**CITY HALL 2013 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

City staff would like to close the City Hall on Thursday December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013 for the Christmas holiday. Consensus of council was to closed city hall on December 26, 2013.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mayor Walton reported John Darrington received 43 applications for the city administrator position. December 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> were the dates set up for the interviewing process, with an expected decision on December 16<sup>th</sup>.

Fire Chief Schulte received an email requesting the use of the fire hall for a public meeting on fire prevention.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business before the City Council of Connell, Mayor Walton adjourned the meeting at 7:00 pm.

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

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Gary Walton, Mayor