

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

December 21, 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.

City Clerk/Treasurer Maria Peña administered the Oath of Office to: Ray Minor Council Position #5.

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: Councilmember Kathie Silva and Councilmember Joe Escalera

STAFF: Attorney Dan Hultgrenn, City Administrator Jed Crowther, Police Chief Chris Turner and City Clerk/Treasurer Maria Peña.

VISITORS: Kathy Bingham, Franklin County Graphic: Citizens Manny Choi and Eddy Ochoa

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- a) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of December 7, 2015
(Correction: Insert \$50,000 for each lot on page 4)
- b) Minutes of the Special Council Meeting December 15, 2015
- c) Check Register 12/14/2015 \$650.00
- d) Accounts Payable 12/21/2015 for \$57,357.71
- e) Payroll Check Register \$53,393.30

Mayor Pro Tem Huber seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

ADOPTION OF THE 2016 BUDGET

City Clerk/Treasurer Maria Peña stated she removed the Park & Recreation position from the 2016 Budget as discussed at the Special Council meeting December 15, 2015.

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Huber moved to approve Ordinance No. 961-2015 adopting the 2016 Budget for the City of Connell. Councilmember Quinton seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

TRANSFER OF THE SOLID WASTE BILLING –BASIN DISPOSAL, INC

Council approved an amendment to the Solid Waste Contract at the November 16, 2015 council meeting. Ordinance No. 962-2015 was presented to council for approval to transfer sanitation billing to Basin Disposal, Inc.

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Motion: Councilmember Minor moved to adopt Ordinance No. 962-2015. Mayor Pro Tem Huber seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously

MASTER FEE SCHEDULE UPDATE –SANITATION

As of January 1, 2016 Basin Disposal, Inc would be billing garbage services to the citizens of Connell. An update to the Master Fee Schedule was presented to Councilmember's for approval to remove sanitation fees from the City of Connell's Master Fee Schedule.

Motion: Councilmember Huber moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-17 amending the Connell Master Fee Schedule. Councilmember Quinton seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously

COMMITTEE / DEPARTMENT REPORTS

CITY ADMINISTRATOR –Jed Crowther

A) CDBG-follow up for grant for street development

POLICE DEPARTMENT-Chris Turner

- A) Adopted families for Christmas
- B) Radio's came in and have been installed

CLERK/TREASURER- Maria Peña

A) Received a letter from USDA for refinancing debt

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business before the City Council of Connell, Mayor Blackwell adjourned the meeting at 6:10 pm.

ATTEST: _____
Rose Courneya, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

Bruce Blackwell, Mayor