

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

August 3, 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, Councilmembers: Joe Escalera, Rhonda Quinton, and Ray Minor.

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

STAFF: City Administrator Jed Crowther, Public Works Director Larry Turner, Police Chief Chris Turner, and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Rose Courneya.

VISITORS: Kathy Bingham, Franklin County Graphic: Manny Choi, Park Board; Helen Tobin, Fall Festival; Pam Moon, Bob McCurry, Ray Marroquin, and Lee Barrow Citizens.

CORRESPONDENCE/APPOINTMENTS

Chamber of Commerce Thanked the City for sponsoring the fire work display.
Mayor Blackwell asked Councilmembers to appoint Kyung “Manny” Choi to the Park Board.

Motion: Councilmember Quinton moved to appoint Kyung “Manny” Choi to the Park Board. Councilmember Escalera seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Councilmember Minor moved to approve the Consent Calendar.
a) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting July 20, 2015
b) Account Payable August 3, 2015 for \$ 37,948.51

Councilmember Quinton seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENT/NON AGENDA ITEMS

Lee Barrow asked Councilmembers to close Main Street from Adams to Borah for the Fall Festival Street Dance.

Motion: Councilmember Minor moved approve main street closed from Adams to Borah. Councilmember Escalera seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Helen Tobin shared the Fall Festival Events schedule. A new burnout was added to the events list as well as a motorcycle stunt rider. The Fall Festival Committee requested permission to close Main Street for the event. Ray Marroquin explained how the burn out would work. Councilmembers and staff had safety questions.

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Motion: Councilmember Minor moved to approve closure of the street for the burnout and stunt motorcycle rider upon legal and insurance review approval. Councilmember Escalera seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Pam Moon asked about the siren being turned off. She wanted to understand why it was turned off and why citizens were not notified.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Councilmember Quinton moved to approve the agenda as presented. Councilmember Minor seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

BID RESULTS-Columbia Avenue BST PROJECT

Bid results came in much higher than expected for the Columbia Avenue Bituminous Surface Treatment. Staff would like to rebid the project in the spring. Public Works Director Turner was asking Councilmember to reject all bids from the July 23, 2015 bid opening for the Columbia Avenue BST project.

Motion: Councilmember Escalera moved to reject all bids from the July 23, 2015 bid opening for the Columbia Avenue BST Project. Councilmember Quinton seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

NOON SIREN

Mayor Blackwell informed Mrs. Moon that the siren violated the City of Connells Noise Regulation Code and State Regulations. Mayor Blackwell had received two complaints so he looked into the noon siren. City Administrator Crowther explained more details on codes and regulations.

Councilmember Escalera spoke on behalf of turning the siren back on and didn't think turning off the siren because of two complaints letters was right.

2016 CITY BUDGET PROCESS PREVIEW-OUTLINE/TIMELINE

Clerk/Treasurer Maria Peña provided Councilmembers with a timeline for the 2016 Budget process.

COMMITTEE / DEPARTMENT REPORTS

CITY ADMINISTRATOR-Jed Crowther

- 1) HDR Engineering Presentation on Dairy Processing
- 2) Hearing for Street Vacation next meeting
- 3) Large site selector request on Industrial in Connell-Potential Project

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR-Larry Turner

- 1) Nitrate level high on well #3-letter sent out to citizens
- 2) Working on well #6 –hopefully getting pulled soon
- 3) Sewer line –trying to identify
- 4) New sewer line going in on 5th and Clark Street

POLICE CHIEF-Chris Turner

- 1) Striker Addition-Juvenile chased and caught
- 2) FEMA Grant- looks like will be awarded to upgrade radios

FIRE CHIEF –Chris Schulte-Gone to the Wolverine Fire

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MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business before the City Council of Connell, Mayor Blackwell adjourned the meeting at 7:19 pm.

ATTEST: _____
Rose Courneya, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

Bruce Blackwell, Mayor