

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

January 4, 2012

OATHS OF OFFICE

City Clerk/Treasurer Maria Peña swore in:

- 1) Monica Pruett-Councilmember Position #6
- 2) Jim Klindworth-Councilmember Position #5

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, and Councilmembers: Monica Pruett, Rhonda Quinton, Jared Broberg, Lee Barrow, and Jim Klindworth.

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

VISITORS: Kathy Bingham, Franklin County Graphic; Scott Cover and Paul Stoker, Columbia Basin Ground Water; Bob Koch, Franklin County Commissioner, and Citizen's John Lindner and Roger Bailie.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Walton received Liquor Licenses Renewals from the Washington State Liquor Control Board for Hazy's Tavern, R & R Quik Mart, and Hart Foods (Michael Jay's)

ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Motion: Councilmember Broberg moved to elect Monica Pruett Mayor Pro Tem. Councilmember Barrow seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

BENTON-FRANKLIN COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE

Gary Walton, Mayor

BENTON-FRANKLIN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Councilmember Barrow

Councilmember – Alternative

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Maria Peña, Clerk/Treasurer

Steve Taylor, City Administrator

Jared Broberg, Councilmember

Gary Walton, Mayor

Monica Pruett, Councilmember

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FRANKLIN COUNTY DISABILITY BOARD

Mayor Walton

FRANKLIN COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BOARD

Police Chief Mike Kessler

GOOD ROADS ASSOCIATES

Gary Walton, Mayor
Councilmember – Alternative

STREET AND ALLEYWAYS COMMITTEE

City Administrator Steve Taylor
Councilmember Broberg
Councilmember Barrow

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Jeri Reinauer, Secretary Don Krein Vacant Position Regina Janosky

PARK BOARD MEMBERS

Patti Swan, Secretary Helen Tobin Gene Stocking Carol Lindner
Vacant Position Rhonda Quinton, School Representative

PLANNING COMMISSION

Steve Taylor Patti Swan Molly Kunkel- Resigning
Bruce Bowen Darrell Ferguson-Reappointed Casey Hart
Roger Bailie

SALARY COMMISSION

Steve Taylor Vacant Position (formally David Engelhard)
David Hart Manuel Silva

HOTEL/MOTEL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Chair Monica Pruett
Burl Booker Cassandra Hart Debra Martinez Regina Janosky

REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

Mayor Gary Walton Councilmember Monica Pruett Councilmember Jim Klindworth
City Administrator Steve Taylor City Attorney Dan Hultgrenn

Motion: Councilmember Barrow moved to appoint Jim Klindworth to the Real Estate Committee. Councilmember Broberg seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Councilmember Barrow moved to appoint Jared Broberg to the Street and Alleyways Committee. Mayor Pro Tem Pruett seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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Motion: Councilmember Barrow moved to reappoint Darrell Ferguson to the Planning Commission. Councilmember Quinton seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Councilmember Barrow moved to appoint Monica Pruet, Burl Booker, Cassandra Hart, Debra Martinez, and Regina Janosky to the Hotel/Motel Advisory Committee to expire 12/31/2012. Councilmember Broberg seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Councilmember Broberg moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

- a) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting December 19, 2011
- b) Check Register 12/27/2011 for \$19,386.00
- c) Accounts Payable December 31, 2011 for \$161,878.39
- d) Check Register 1/3/2012 for \$182.52
- e) Accounts Payable January 4, 2012 for \$5,309.36
- f) Payroll Check Register 12/15- 12/20/2011 for \$43,223.01

Mayor Pro Tem Pruet seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENT/NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmember Quinton received complains on kids not being able to cross street for school due to a train blocking both streets for about 25 minutes. Police Chief Kessler had called the railroad. He would follow up with the railroad again on the issue.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Councilmember Broberg moved to approve the Agenda as listed. Councilmember Quinton seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**COLUMBIA BASIN GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT AREA UPDATE –
PAUL STOKER**

Paul Stoker from Columbia Basin Ground Water Management provided Councilmembers with a power point presentation on the current ground water supply and future water supply options. Mr. Stoker was asking Councilmembers to consider a discussion on imposing a \$10 to \$15 dollar assessment per household/per year to continue running ground water management research.

PLANNING CONSULTANT AGREEMENT RENEWAL

Councilmembers were presented with an updated planning consultant agreement for Darryl Piercy with Plan-It-Consulting. The original agreement expired on December 31, 2011. Staff had updated the agreement to reflect an hourly rate of \$75.00/ hour and \$60.00/hour for travel time. Mr. Piercy would be called when needed and the new agreement would renew annually. Councilmembers held discussion.

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Motion: Councilmember Barrow moved to approve the consultant agreement with Plan-It Consulting. Mayor Pro Tem Pruett seconded motion. Councilmember Klindworth abstained and Motion carried.

2012 CONNELL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA DISCUSSION

City Administrator Taylor reviewed Connells' 2012 State Legislative agenda. The City's priorities included: Coyote Ridge Impact Funding, Public Records Act Revisions, Preservation of State-Shared Revenue Programs, and Energy Independence Act (I-937) Amendments. Mr. Taylor invited Councilmembers to attend the legislative session. Councilmembers held discussion.

Motion: Councilmember Barrow moved to approve the Connell 2012 Legislative Agenda. Councilmember Broberg seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR POSITION CLASSIFICATION REVIEW

City Staff was updating job descriptions for each employee's position classification. Currently the City didn't have a job description and classification for the City Administrator position. Connell Municipal Code Section 2.10 layed out the basic duties and responsibilities of the Administrator. The City Administrator's terms of employment were governed by the provisions of an employment agreement.

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Pruett moved to approve the City Administrator position classification. Councilmember Barrow seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING RECESSED

At 7:25 pm Mayor Walton announced an executive session for 20 minutes after a 5 minute break to discuss with legal counsel representing the City litigation or potential litigation to which the City, or city council member or employee is, or may be, a party.

Mayor Walton at 7:50 pm extended executive session for 10 more minutes.

MEETING RECONVENED

Mayor Walton reconvened the Regular Meeting at 8:00 pm.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business before the City Council of Connell, Mayor Walton adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.

ATTEST: _____

Gary Walton, Mayor

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Rose Courneya, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer