

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

April 16, 2012

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Connell City Council was called to order by Mayor Walton at 7:00 pm in the City Hall and was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

**PRESENT:** Mayor Gary Walton, Mayor Pro Tem Monica Pruet, and Councilmembers: Lee Barrow, Jared Broberg, Rhonda Quinton, 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, and Alan Schroeder, Anderson Perry.

CORRESPONDENCE

Columbia Basin Ground Water Management had asked Councilmembers for a letter in support of creating an Aquifer Protection Area.  
Bring back to next council meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

**Motion:** Councilmember Quinton moved to approve the Consent Calendar as changed:

- a) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting April 4, 2012
- b) Check Register 4/5/2012 for \$104.50
- c) Accounts Payable 4/16/2012 for \$233,636.45  
(Remove transaction 8701 for \$560.04 to General Fire Apparatus)
- d) Payroll Check Register 3/31 to 4/6/2012 for \$81,242.45
- e) Correction to the minutes of March 19, 2012: change Elizabeth to Deleska Cole.

Mayor Pro Tem Pruet seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENT/NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmember Klindworth would not be attending the next council meeting. Mr. Klindworth was concerned with boys skateboarding in front of his garage on the city sidewalk. Was this a liability issue?

City Administrator Taylor would look into skateboarding restrictions.

New trees for the city were due to be delivered and planted in various locations.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

MEETING OF THE CITY OF CONNELL  
Regular Meeting- April 16, 2012

**BANKING SERVICES RFP AWARD**

The Connell branch of Bank of America would be closing down June 2012 making it necessary for the City to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP), to U.S. Bank and Community First Bank for the provision of banking services. The City was required to have a banking institution within the local area to accept deposits on a daily basis. U.S. Bank and Community First Bank both responded to the RFP. Staff had met with representatives from both banks. City Clerk/Treasurer Maria Peña reviewed the differences in fees and services. U.S. Bank was requiring a two year contract and Community First Bank did not require a contract. Staff's recommendation was to award banking services to Community First Bank. Council held discussion.

**Motion:** Mayor Pro Tem Pruett moved to utilize Community First Bank for the City of Connell's banking services. Councilmember Quinton seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**CONNELL INVESTMENT POLICY**

Resolution No. 2012-05 establishing a formal investment policy for the City was being brought back to Council for consideration and approval. Bond insurance would not be an option for the proposed investments.

**Motion:** Councilmember Klindworth moved to approve Resolution No. 2012-05 adopting the Connell Investment Policy. Councilmember Broberg seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously

**KLINDWORTH & CAMPBELL NEIGHBORHOOD WATER EFFICIENCY PROJECT BID AWARD**

Alan Schroeder from Anderson Perry stated opening bids for the Klindworth & Campbell Neighborhood Water Efficiency Project were on April 10, 2012. Bids ranged from \$1,115,072.50 to \$1,500,210.50 (excluding sales tax). The apparent low bidder was POW Contracting, Inc. from Pasco, Washington and with 8.0% sales tax applied the total bid amount was \$1,204,278.30. POW had complied with all bidding requirements including supplying the Bid Bond. Councilmembers were being asked to award the project to POW Contracting, Inc. and authorize the Mayor, or his designee, to execute all contracts and agreements pertaining to the award. Bid came in \$400,000 less than original project financing. City Administrator Taylor and Alan Schroeder gave Councilmembers options on projects that could be done with the remaining funding of \$400,000. Council held discussion.

**Motion:** Mayor Pro Tem Pruett moved to approve the award of the Klindworth & Campbell Neighborhood Water Efficiency Project to the lowest responsible bidder, POW Contracting, Inc., in the amount of \$1,204,278.30 and authorize the Mayor, or his designee, to execute any contracts and agreements associated with the bid award. Councilmember Barrow seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**SEWER FORCEMAIN REMEDIATION PROJECT BID AWARD**

Alan Schroeder from Anderson Perry stated opening bids for the Sewer Main Remediation Project were on April 10, 2012. The low bidder for both the base bid and

MEETING OF THE CITY OF CONNELL  
Regular Meeting- April 16, 2012

alternate bid was Culbert Construction from Pasco, Washington, with 8.0% sale tax applied the total bid amount the bid came to \$145,444.91 for the base bid and \$174,043.68 for the base plus the alternate. Culbert Construction had complied with all bidding requirements including supplying the Bid Bond. Council held discussion.

**Motion:** Councilmember Barrow moved to award the Sewer Force Main Remediation Project including the alternate addition to the lowest responsible bidder, Culbert Construction, in the amount of \$177,043.68 and authorize the Mayor, or his designee, to execute any contracts and agreements associated with the bid award. Councilmember Broberg seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**STATE BUDGET UPDATE-IMPACT ON CITY REVENUE**

The State's supplemental budget had been approved. The most direct revenue impact to the city would be the loss of liquor excise taxes and liquor profit distributions to the cities. AWC had estimated impacts per city for the full state fiscal 2012 year. Connell would stand to lose approximately \$30,000 between July 2012 and July 2013 using AWC's population figure of 4,200 residents. However, state distributions would likely be based on the City's higher population figure of 5,150 increasing the revenue loss to between \$36,000 and \$37,000.

The impact to the City's 2012 general fund budget was anticipated to be between \$15,000 and \$18,000. While the loss of this revenue was manageable in the current year, liquor excise taxes and liquor profit distributions that exceeded the provisions set forth in Initiative 1183 (Liquor Privatization) would be swept into the state's general fund for the foreseeable future depriving cities of a revenue source it had relied upon for over 70 years. Staff would continue to refine the estimates of the revenue loss relative to the City's budget and keep Council informed as the City headed into the 2013 budget season.

STAFF REPORT

City Clerk/Treasurer Maria Peña gave the Councilmembers updated financial reports, showing expenditures and revenues.

City received the AWC Wellness Award.

Streets & Roads Committee meeting scheduled for April 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm.

AWC Conference June 18-22, 2012, Mayor would like to see Councilmembers participate in the conference.

City Administrator Taylor attended the Feedlot hearing.

A meeting would be set up between Councilmembers and County Commissioners for a discussion.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business before the City Council of Connell, Mayor Walton adjourned the meeting at 8:23 pm.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Gary Walton, Mayor