

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

September 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.

ROLL CALL

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

STAFF: City Attorney Dan Hultgrenn, Fire Chief Chris Schulte, Police Chief Chris Turner, and City Clerk/Treasurer Maria Peña.

VISITORS: Kathy Bingham, Franklin County Graphic and Jeff Uttecht, Department of Corrections/Homeowner.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Huber moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

- a) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting September 8, 2015
 - b) Minutes of the Town Hall Meeting September 14, 2015
 - c) Accounts Payable September 21, 2015 for \$89,992.14
 - d) Payroll Check Register Sept. 15- Sept 20, 2015 for \$65,878.82
- Councilmember Quinton seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Councilmember Silva approved agenda as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Huber seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

FIRE REPORT –CHIEF CHRIS SCHULTE

Fire Chief Chris Schulte provided Councilmembers with a power point presentation of Washington State fires he had worked on the past few months. Fire Chief Schulte worked on the Wolverine and the Kettle Complex fires.

SHORT PLAT BY CITY-ADJOINING TENNIS COURTS

A Short Plat Application by the City of Connell had been prepared and reviewed. Proper land use procedures have occurred to correctly transition the east portion of the city owned tennis courts parcel #106-680-102 to residential use. The proposed plats involved utility easements, therefore requiring Councils approval.

Motion: Councilmember Silva moved to approve Short Plat Application by the City of Connell to create three lots from Parcel No. 106-680-102; located between Dayton and Ephrata Avenue, and Franklin and Ash Streets (commonly known as City Tennis Court parcel). Councilmember Quinton seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

TRI-PARTY AGREEMENT-FENCING/BOUNDARY

The City had been working for the past year to resolve property issues along the eastern border of the Connell Estates mobile home park. Collaborative efforts have now resulted in a Tri-Party Agreement. The agreement provided logical adjustment of property lines,

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vacation of the alley, and construction of a fence to divided use. This agreement achieves the goal of resolving the encroachment, obtain fair compensation, manage risk and liability, and achieve equitable use. A Fence with gates would be installed along the east boundary of the alley and emergency personal would have access to keys for these gates. The Agreement was between the City of Connell, Connell Estates, LLC, and The Columbia Basin Health Association. The City would not be building the fence. The fence would be built by Connell Estates or Columbia Basin Health Association.

Motion: Councilmember Quinton moved to approve Tri-Party Agreement between the City of Connell, Columbia Basin Health Association, and Connell Estates LLC; and authorize the Mayor to sign all associated documents to implement the agreement. Councilmember Escalera seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE / DEPARTMENT REPORTS

POLICE CHIEF- Chris Turner

- A) All went well with Fall Festival Weekend-No Problems
- B) FEMA Grant-Radio Upgrades- City awarded \$634,000 –City had 25% match

CLERK/TREASURER- Maria Peña

- A) Monthly Finance reports handed out
- B) Budget amendment would be needed for grant

FIRE CHIEF-Chris Schulte

- A) Lamb Weston had Anhydrous Ammonia leak-State Patrol handles Hazmat
- B) Fire at Trailer Park

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business before the City Council of Connell, Mayor Blackwell adjourned the meeting at 6:47 pm.

ATTEST: _____
Rose Courneya, Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer

Bruce Blackwell, Mayor