

November 6, 2017

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The following City Administrator's Report, while respectfully submitted to the Mayor and City Council, is provided and available to the general public to inform them of the status of City projects and activities. This report, as well as the monthly department reports, is placed on the City's website.

Here is what I have been working on since my last report:

- Attended the Candidates Forum at the Community Center thanks to the Connell Community Club.
- Along with Mayor Blackwell and Clerk Treasurer Courneya, attended the Connell Chamber Meeting. Randy Haden was present to discuss funding for economic development that the Port of Pasco wanted to invest in Connell.
- Along With Mayor Blackwell and Clerk Treasurer Courneya, attended the AWC Regional Meeting in Richland. Sen. Sharon Brown (R-Kennewick) was recognized for her advocacy and leadership to help pass legislation that streamlined the administration of local business licensing while ensuring cities maintained local control, and for her support for local economic development tools.
- Along with Clerk Treasurer Courneya, met with DOC staff for our monthly meeting.
- Along with Public Works Director Turner and Water Operator Tuck, met with a representative from a lighting company in regards to decorative street lights.
- Participated in a webinar in regards to broadband's role in regional economic development.
- Along with Public Works Director Turner and City Clerk Treasurer Rose Courneya attended the Infrastructure Assistance Coordinating Council (IACC) October 24-27 in Wenatchee. We received a lot of valuable information in regards to possible funding sources for planning, studies, and infrastructure projects.
- In regards to the Rail Interchange Project:
 - Submitted the TIGER grant application!
 - Participated in a web meeting with the Great Northern Corridor Coalition (GNCC).
 - Received notice that we were awarded Co-sponsorship of the Connell Rail Interchange Project from GNCC.
 - Worked on, and submitted, the INFRA grant application!!
 - Received notice of a HAEIFAC grant application due December 1.
- Along with Planning/Building Clerk Joyner and Accounting Clerk Barragan, held a Planning Commission meeting to discuss; fences, storage containers, mailbox placement, and temporary housing.
- Worked on the 2018 Fiscal Year budget. The Budget Message for 2018 was completed and provided to Council.
- There will be a Planning Commission meeting on November 27.