

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

December 1, 2014

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: Rhonda Quinton, Joe Escalera, and Ray Minor.

EXCUSED: Councilmember Quinton moved to excuse Councilmember Silva. Councilmember Escalera seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

STAFF: Attorney Dan Hultgrenn, City Administrator Jed Crowther, Fire Chief Chris Schulte, Police Chief Chris Turner, Police Officer Shane Thorson, Public Works Director Larry Turner, and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Rose Courneya.

VISITORS: Kathy Bingham, Franklin County Graphic; Citizens: Kara Booker, Kevin Besel, and Burl Booker.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- a) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting November 3, 2014
- b) Minutes of the Special Council Meeting November 7, 2014
- c) Minutes of May 22, 2014-Correction of Date from March to May
- d) Cascade Earth Sciences Contract
- e) Accounts Payable Check Register 11/17/2014 for \$163,112.07
- f) Check Register 11/25/2014 for \$34,000.00
- g) Accounts Payable December 1, 2014 for \$34,790.48
- h) Payroll Check Register 10/31 to 11/5/2014 for \$79,098.19
- i) Payroll Check Register 11/15 to 11/20/2014 for \$55,176.60

Councilmember Quinton seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Blackwell temporally appointed Pro Tem Huber to Finance Committee.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Huber moved to approve the Agenda as presented.
Councilmember Minor seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING -2015 FINAL BUDGET

Mayor Blackwell recessed the regular meeting at 6:02 pm and opened a Public Hearing for the purpose of considering the 2015 Final Budget.

STAFF REPORT: City Administrator Crowther stated the hearing was the final step to adopting the 2015 Budget. The 2015 Budget had to be adopted by December 31, 2014. The Hotel/Motel funds were adjusted to include \$40,000 for the City to obtain a float/trailer, as advised by Council's input at previous Council Meetings.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

COUNCILMEMBERS COMMENT PORTION OF THE HEARING: Councilmember Minor agreed with the expenditure of \$40,000 from the Hotel/Motel Fund for a float/trailer. Mayor Pro Tem asked if the \$40,000 was included in the final 2015 Budget that was being presented to council for adoption.

Mayor Blackwell closed the hearing and opened regular meeting at 6:07 pm.

PUBLIC HEARING-CMC 17.22.040-GARAGE HEIGHT

Mayor Blackwell recessed the regular meeting at 6:08 pm and opened a Public Hearing for the purpose of considering the Connell Municipal Code 17.22.040-GARAGE HEIGHT

STAFF REPORT: City Administrator Crowther reviewed the text amendments recommended by the Planning Commission. Current height was 15feet for an accessory building or accessory building could be equal to the primary structure height. Change was from 15 feet to 21 feet for detached buildings.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

COUNCILMEMBERS COMMENT PORTION OF THE HEARING:

Mayor Pro Tem Huber asked about the accessory building height?

Councilmember Quinton wanted to know why the text amendment changes were necessary.

Councilmember Escalera agreed with the new height text amendment.

Mayor Blackwell closed the hearing and opened regular meeting at 6:22 pm.

Motion: Councilmember Quinton moved to adopt Ordinance No. 949-2014 setting detached accessory buildings in the Connell Municipal Code Section 17.22.040 to 21 feet in height. Councilmember Escalera seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED PUBLIC HEARING-2014 –Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan

Mayor Blackwell recessed the regular meeting at 6:22 pm and opened a Closed Public Hearing for the purpose of discussing a 2014 Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan Amendment.

STAFF REPORT: Park Board held a hearing for Parks & Recreation Plan Amendments. Four items were specifically addressed: 1) Tot Lot Park; 2) Dick Johnson Memorial Tennis Courts; 3) Capital Improvement Plan; 4) Heritage Park.

COUNCILMEMBERS COMMENT PORTION OF THE HEARING: none

Mayor Blackwell closed the hearing and opened regular meeting at 6:28 pm.

Motion: Councilmember Quinton moved to adopt Resolution No. 2014-18.

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Mayor Pro Tem Huber seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ADOPTION OF THE 2015 BUDGET

The City's 2015 Final Budget was being presented to Councilmembers for adoption. State law requires the legislative body to adopt the budget no later than December 31.

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Huber moved to adopt Ordinance No. 950-2014 setting the 2015 Budget. Councilmember Minor seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

COLUMBIA AVENUE AGREEMENT-ANDERSON PERRY

Anderson Perry had provided a Contract Agreement for the Columbia Avenue Surface Restoration project. The total Architectural/Engineering Agreement would not exceed \$25,000.

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Huber moved to approve the Mayor to sign the Engineering Agreement for the Columbia Avenue Surface Restoration project between the City of Connell and Anderson Perry not to exceed \$25,000. Councilmember Minor seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

STOP SIGN AT ALMIRA & DAVIS

Police Chief Turner had received recommendations to place a stop sign at Almira & Davis.

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Huber moved to approve new stop sign at Almira & Davis. Councilmember Escalera seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously

RAILROAD QUIET ZONE

Council moved to proceed with Railroad Quiet Zone installation, for curbing. By further review, materials and methods are best-suited to include rebar installation techniques, for long-lasting durability. As a result, updated total project costs are estimated not to exceed \$12,000.00, including tax.

Motion: Councilmember Quinton moved to authorize installation for railroad quiet zone in an amount not to exceed \$12,000.00 including tax. Councilmember Escalera seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously

DISTRICT COURT SERVICES AMENDMENT

An Amendment to continue the Franklin District Court Services was being presented to Councilmembers for approval. The amendment to the original agreement extends the current agreement three years.

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Huber moved to approve amendment to the Interlocal Agreement between Franklin County and the City of Connell for District Court Services. Councilmember Quinton seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

PROSECUTION SERVICES AMENDMENT

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An Amendment to continue the Prosecution Services was being presented to Councilmembers for approval. The amendment to the original agreement extends the current agreement three years.

Motion: Councilmember Quinton moved to approve amendment to the Interlocal Agreement between Franklin County Prosecution Attorney and the City of Connell for Prosecution Services. Councilmember Escalera seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Public Works Director Larry Turner stated the City did not receive the Transportation Improvement Board grant.

Police Officer Shane Thorson updated Councilmembers on a few projects the police department was working on.

City Administrator Crowther informed Councilmembers that the Port of Pasco received a grant for economic development.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business before the City Council of Connell, Mayor Blackwell adjourned the meeting at 7:09 pm.

ATTEST: _____
Rose Courneya, Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer

Bruce Blackwell, Mayor