



PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA

**Connell City Hall
104 E. Adams St.
Monday, January 26, 2026
5:30 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Robert Misener, Jerry Sackmann, Ray Minor, Jack Brandt, Robert Welch

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

Minutes from the September 22, 2025 Meeting of Planning Commission

4. ORDER OF BUSINESS

- a. Review of Planning Commission Responsibilities
- b. Review and discussion of overall Comprehensive Plan
- c. Review of CMC 10.24.010 Vegetation Along City Streets > Planting of Trees & Shrubs

5. OTHER

Next Planning Commission Meeting: February 23, 2026

6. ADJOURN

The public is welcome and encouraged to attend this meeting. The City of Connell wishes to provide reasonable access to all public meeting for individuals with disabilities. Please contact the City Clerk at least three business days prior to the meeting for accommodations to be arranged.

**CITY OF CONNELL, WASHINGTON
PLANNING COMMISSION**

September 22, 2025

BUSINESS

The Regular meeting of the Connell Planning Commission was called to order by Chair Misener at 5:31 pm in Connell City Hall.

ROLL CALL

Commission Members:

- Robert Misener
- Jerry Sackmann
- Ray Minor
- Jack Brandt – Absent

Staff Members Present:

- City Administrator Cathleen Koch
- AHBL Planning Consultant MillieAnne VanDevender
- Public Works Director Hallie Tuck

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Sackman moved to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2025, Planning Commission meeting. Commissioner Minor seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS

Review and Discussion of Comprehensive Plan Parks and Open Space and Natural Environment Elements

MillieAnne VanDevender of AHBL gave a PowerPoint presentation for both elements of the Comprehensive Plan. There was discussion about the level of service and how it dictates what developers must do. The new shrub steppe requirements and wildfire planning needs were also discussed. **VanDevender** asked the commission members to provide feedback that could be incorporated into the plan.

OTHER ITEMS

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for Monday, October 27, 2025, at 5:30 pm.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business before the Connell Planning Commission, Chair Misener adjourned the meeting at 6:33 pm.

ATTEST:

Chair Robert Misener

City Clerk Marissa Ortiz

Agenda Item 4a.

Chapter 11.20 PLANNING COMMISSION

§ 11.20.010 Creation and appointment procedure.

§ 11.20.020 Terms of office.

§ 11.20.030 Powers and duties.

§ 11.20.040 Recommendations and reports.

§ 11.20.050 Submitting plats to commission.

§ 11.20.060 Secretary.

§ 11.20.070 Removal of member.

§ 11.20.080 Quorum.

§ 11.20.090 Annual report to council.

§ 11.20.010 Creation and appointment procedure.

Pursuant to Chapter [35.63](#) RCW, there is created a city planning commission. The commission shall consist of five members, who shall be selected as follows: The members shall be appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the council and all members shall be residents of the city.

(Formerly 2.16.010; Ord. 917 § 1 (part), 2012)

§ 11.20.020 Terms of office.

The term of office of the commissioners shall be for a period of six years; provided, however, that the term of the first commissioners appointed shall be for terms of three, four, five and six calendar years, successively.

The term of the first five members so appointed shall be fixed and designated as herein provided by the mayor at the time of appointment.

(Formerly 2.16.020; Ord. 917 § 1 (part), 2012)

§ 11.20.030 Powers and duties.

The planning commission shall have all of the powers and perform each and all of the duties specified by Chapter [35.63](#) RCW, together with any other duties or authority which may hereafter be conferred upon them by the laws of the state, the performance of such

duties and exercise of such authority to be subject to each and all of the limitations expressed in such legislative enactment or enactments.

(Formerly 2.16.030; Ord. 917 § 1 (part), 2012)

§ 11.20.040 Recommendations and reports.

The city council may refer to the commission, for its recommendation and report, any ordinance, resolution or other proposal relating to any matters and subjects referred to in Chapter **35.63** RCW, and the commission shall promptly report to the council thereon, making such recommendations and giving such counsel as it may deem proper in the premises.

(Formerly 2.16.040; Ord. 917 § 1 (part), 2012)

§ 11.20.050 Submitting plats to commission.

All plats or plans, subdivisions of land within the city, or proposed additions as well as dedications of streets, alleys and other public spaces, shall be submitted to the commission, as provided in Chapter **35.63** RCW.

(Formerly 2.16.050; Ord. 917 § 1 (part), 2012)

§ 11.20.060 Secretary.

The commission may designate one of its members to act as secretary, without salary, or, if requested by the commission, the mayor shall appoint a member of the paid staff of the city to serve as secretary to the planning commission, to attend meetings and take minutes.

(Formerly 2.16.060; Ord. 917 § 1 (part), 2012)

§ 11.20.070 Removal of member.

Any member of the planning commission who is absent from three meetings of the Connell planning commission during his term of office without being excused by the planning commission may be removed as a member thereof by the majority of the other members of the planning commission.

(Formerly 2.16.070; Ord. 917 § 1 (part), 2012)

§ 11.20.080 Quorum.

A majority of the commission constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business. Any action taken by a majority of those present at any regular or special meeting of the commission shall be deemed and taken as the action of the commission.

(Formerly 2.16.080; Ord. 917 § 1 (part), 2012)

§ 11.20.090 Annual report to council.

The planning commission, at or before its first regular meeting in February of each year, may make a full report, in writing, to the city council of its transactions and expenditures, if any, for the preceding year; with such general recommendations as to matters covered by its prescribed duties and authority as may to it seem proper.

(Formerly 2.16.090; Ord. 917 § 1 (part), 2012)

Agenda Item 4b

Review of Comprehensive Plan update, where we are at.

Agenda Item 4c

This code has come up recently in regards to North 11th Avenue in the Oasis neighborhood. The trees planted in the median were injected and all but six were cut down in 2025. The remaining trees are dead and need to be removed. What, if anything, should go in their place is up for discussion.

Chapter 10.24 VEGETATION ALONG CITY STREETS

§ 10.24.010 Planting of trees or shrubs.

It is unlawful to plant or maintain any tree or shrub on or along any of the streets of the city, and especially that portion known as the "parking strip" or curbing; provided that this section shall not prohibit the planting and maintaining of low-growing flowers up to a height of eighteen inches and grass; provided further, that this section shall not apply to those trees planted on Columbia Avenue with the permission of the city council.

(Ord. 144 § 11, 1953; Ord. 282 § 2, 1970; Ord. 568 § 2, 1990)