

MEETING OF THE CITY OF CONNELL, WASHINGTON  
CONNELL, FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
January 3, 2022

City Clerk Marissa Ortiz administered the Oath of Offices to Lee Barrow for Mayor Position #1, John White for Council Position #2, Patricia Barrera for Council Position #3 and to Joe Escalera for Council Position #4.

Remote Regular meeting of the Connell City Council was called to order by Mayor Lee Barrow at 6:00 pm in the City Hall.

ROLL CALL

ROLL CALL: Mayor Lee Barrow and Councilmember's: Mayor Pro Tem Joe Escalera, John White, Pat Barrera, Shelly Harper, and Katrina Kunkel.

PRESENT: City Administrator Cathleen Koch, City Treasurer Michelle Fry, City Clerk Marissa Ortiz, City Attorney Dan Hultgrenn, Police Chief Chris Turner, Public Works Director Hallie Tuck, and Fire Chief Ken Woffenden.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Committee</u>	<u>Re/Appointed</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Mayor Lee Barrow	Hotel/Motel	1/1/2022	12/31/2022
Burl Booker	Hotel/Motel	1/1/2022	12/31/2022
Molly Kunkel	Hotel/Motel	1/1/2022	12/31/2022
Patrice Hebel	Hotel/Motel	1/1/2022	12/31/2022

<u>Name</u>	<u>Committee</u>	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Tyson Steele	Tree Advisory Board	1/1/2022	12/31/2024

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Pamela Welch	Salary Commission	1/1/2022	12/31/2024
David Dixon	Salary Commission	1/1/2022	12/31/2024
Patrice Hebel	Salary Commission	1/1/2022	12/31/2024

**Motion:** Councilmember Barrera moved to approve the appointments and re-appointments to all members to all the committees as mentioned. Mayor Pro Tem Escalera seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT CALENDAR

**Motion:** Councilmember Harper moved to approve the consent calendar as presented:

- a) Minutes of the Regular Meeting December 6, 2021
- b) Accounts Payable 12/27/21 for \$51,257.30
- c) Check Register 12/01/21 for \$228.54
- d) Check Register 12/07/21 for \$166,966.16
- e) Check Register 12/20/21 for \$38,804.87

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- f) Payroll Register 11/30/21 – 12/03/21 for \$110,330.06
  - g) Payroll Register 12/15/21-12/20/21 for \$69,604.00
- Mayor Pro Tem Escalera seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Motion:** Councilmember Harper moved to approve the agenda as presented. Councilmember White seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE – SOLAR PROJECT GRANT AWARD

Public Works Director Hallie Tuck reported the city had been awarded a grant through the Department of Commerce for \$188,633. At a previous Council meeting held on November 16, 2020, Council approved a solar energy service performance contract with Apollo Solutions Group. This had allowed them to help acquire grants to fund a solar project at Well #8. The awarded grant would help in leveraging for other grants to help fund the project's cost of \$354,595.

**Motion:** Councilmember Harper moved to approve the Mayor to sign the Department of Commerce Grant Award Letter. Mayor Pro Tem Escalera seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING RECESSED

Mayor Barrow recessed the regular meeting at 6:25 pm to go into Executive session for 15 minutes to review the performance of a public employee.

MEETING RECONVENED

Mayor Barrow called the regular meeting back to order at 6:40 pm.

No action taken.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

City Clerk, Marissa Ortiz –

Confirmed a Council Workshop was scheduled on January 31, 2022, at 2 pm to be held at Connell City Hall.

Public Works Director, Hallie Tuck –

Reported a sewer line collapsed on Christmas Eve Day and expressed gratitude to the Public Works Crew for their hard work in responding.

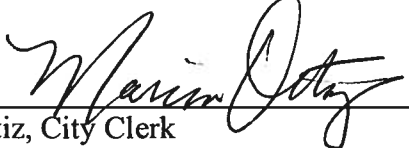
CITY COUNCIL CLOSING REMARKS

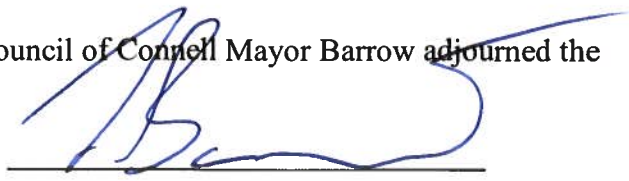
Joe Escalera – gave his appreciation to the Public Works crew by name, stated they deserved recognition for a phenomenal job well done on Christmas Eve Day.

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MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business before the City Council of Connell Mayor Barrow adjourned the meeting at 6:50 pm.

ATTEST:   
Marissa Ortiz, City Clerk

  
Lee Barrow, Mayor