

MEETING OF THE CITY OF CONNELL, WASHINGTON
CONNELL, FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON
November 7, 2022

The Regular meeting of the Connell City Council was called to order by Mayor Lee Barrow at 6:00 pm in the City Hall and was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Lee Barrow and Councilmember's: Joe Escalera, Katrina Kunkel, Shelly Harper, and John White.

UNEXCUSED:

Councilmember Kunkel moved to excuse Pro Tem Barrera. No second motion. Motion did not carry.

STAFF PRESENT:

Fire Chief Ken Woffenden, City Clerk Marissa Ortiz, Treasurer Teresa Steele, City Administrator Cathleen Koch, and City Attorney Heidi Ellerd.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- a) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting October 17, 2022
- b) Check Register 11/1/22 for \$271.19
- c) Payroll Register 10/05/22 – 10/05/22 for \$98,540.90

Councilmember White seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Councilmember Kunkel moved to approve the agenda as presented. Councilmember Escalera seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

COYOTE FLATS FINAL PLAT

City Council had previously approved a preliminary plat with conditions for Coyote Flats, a 35-lot subdivision. Progress had been made through street and infrastructure construction to get to this point. The applicant had completed all requirements for a final plat approval by City Council.

Motion: Councilmember Kunkel moved to approve the Final Plat of Coyote Flats and authorize the Mayor to sign the Final Plat. Councilmember Escalera seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

BASIN DISPOSAL INC. FUEL SURCHARGE

Brought forward to City Council at the September 19, 2022, meeting was Basin Disposal's new request for a fuel surcharge of 3.08% for the months of November and December. Council then requested an updated rate sheet showing what would be charged with the various adjustments

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and rate changes that had been approved. Provided to Council were rate sheets through the end of the year and beginning in January 2023, which contained estimates based on the November/December fuel surcharge rate of 3.08%. The City had not received an estimated request with a percentage for January and February, but it was a possibility based on the rising of fuel costs. Any future increase would need to be discussed separately.

Motion: Councilmember Harper moved to approve a fuel surcharge of 3.08% to be added to garbage bills for the months of November and December 2022. Councilmember Kunkel seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING – SOLAR/WIND FARM MORATORIUM

Mayor Barrow recessed the regular meeting at 6:07 pm and opened a Public Hearing for the purpose of taking public comment on a proposed Moratorium on Commercial / Industrial Solar and Wind Energy Projects.

STAFF REPORT:

Mayor Barrow reported city staff had been working to address the topic and the Planning Commission had also held a public hearing. The Commission made a recommendation on updates to the Comprehensive Plan. Working through the process was important so that solar and wind power was not sited in the City without adequate mitigation and potential substantial impacts.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None Heard

COUNCILMEMBERS COMMENT PORTION OF THE HEARING:

None Heard

Mayor Barrow closed the hearing and opened the second public hearing at 6:10 pm.

PUBLIC HEARING – 2023 FY PRELIMINARY BUDGET

Mayor Barrow recessed the regular meeting at 6:10 pm and opened a Public Hearing to allow for the purpose of considering the 2023 Proposed Budget.

STAFF REPORT:

City Treasurer Teresa Steele provided Council with detailed projections for the 2023 Fiscal Year proposed preliminary budget, also included was the 2023 budget message.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None Heard

COUNCILMEMBERS COMMENT PORTION OF THE HEARING:

None Heard

Mayor Barrow closed the hearing and opened the regular meeting at 6:12 pm.

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PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF FIRE EXHAUST REMOVAL SYSTEM

Fire Chief Ken Woffenden informed Council that the quotes received for the purchase and installation of the Fire Exhaust Removal system ranged from \$9,894.69 on the high side to \$9,140.54 on the low side with one refusal to quote the proper style operator. This left a need to add \$3,690.27 to the original \$42,000.00 project total, it brought the new project total to \$45,691.27.

Motion: Councilmember White moved to approve utilizing an additional \$3,690.27 of ARPA funds for the purchase and installation of the door operators. Councilmember Kunkel seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

BID RESULTS – SOUTHSIDE WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PHASE II WATER MATERIALS

Provided to City Council was a detailed memo from Anderson Perry and Associates in regards to the bid results for the Southside Water System Improvements Project Phase 2 Materials. The Engineer's Estimate was at \$184,110.00. Proposals were sent to multiple companies and one bid was received from HD Fowler Company. Their bid was for \$190,256.24 and was \$6,146.24 higher than the Engineers estimate.

Motion: Councilmember Harper moved to award the winning bid for materials to HD Fowler Company. Councilmember Escalera seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

END OF YEAR HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Clerk Marissa Ortiz announced the End-of-Year Holiday closure schedule. City Offices were scheduled to close for the Thanksgiving Holiday November 23 through November 25. In observance of the Christmas and New Year Holidays city offices were also scheduled to be closed December 22 through December 26 and January 2.


COUNCILMEMBERS REMARKS

Councilmember Kunkel – Thanked city staff for all the help provided during the Hometown Halloween Trunk or Treat event.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business before the City Council of Connell Mayor Barrow adjourned the meeting at 6:28 pm.

ATTEST: 
Marissa Ortiz, City Clerk



Lee Barrow, Mayor