

MEETING OF THE CITY OF CONNELL, WASHINGTON  
CONNELL, FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
February 22, 2022

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: Pat Barrera, Katrina Kunkel, and Shelly Harper.

EXCUSED: Councilmember Harper moved to excuse Councilmember's: Pro Tem Escalera and Councilmember White. Councilmember Barrera seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- a) Minutes of the Regular Meeting January 18, 2022
- b) Accounts Payable 2/22/22 for \$67,615.51
- c) Check Register 12/31/21 for \$4,965.89
- d) Check Register 2/01/22 for \$262.64
- e) Check Register 2/07/22 for \$108,717.81
- f) Payroll Register 2/05/22 – 2/05/22 for \$170,967.09
- g) Payroll Register 2/18/22 – 2/18/22 for \$71,405.77

Councilmember Barrera seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS

MEALS ON WHEELS – MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

A new Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Connell and Mid-Columbia Meals on Wheels was presented to Council for the continuation of hosting a nutrition site three days per week at the Community Center. Mid-Columbia Meals on Wheels had provided meals to senior citizens in Connell for a very long time. Due to COVID-19, meals were moved to pick up meals and were also delivered directly to seniors that needed such services. The Nutrition Services Director, Kristi Thien, was hopeful that full service would resume to normal operations.

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**Motion:** Councilmember Kunkel moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Connell and Senior Life Resources/Mid-Columbia Meals on Wheels Program for the use of space at the Connell Community Center. Councilmember Barrera seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-02 – DECLARATION OF SURPLUS CITY EQUIPMENT  
Interim Chief of Police, Michael Cobb requested to dispose a list of items that were no longer of use and had no discernable value. Provided for Council’s approval was Resolution No. 2022-02 declaring to surplus city equipment.

1. Five cubicle separation dividers.

**Motion:** Councilmember Barrera moved to approve Resolution No. 2022-02 allowing items listed above to be discarded properly by Public Works staff. Councilmember Kunkel seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

RECYCLE PROGRAM DISCUSSION

Public Works Director, Hallie Tuck sought direction from the Council regarding the recycling program. As previously presented at the City Council Workshop, Mr. Tuck recapped the cost and options to keep the recycling program. The cost to continue operating the program was approximately \$13,255 for one year. If Council opted to continue the program, the two options were:

1. Pass costs onto customers at \$1.75 a month, to reflect on their sanitation bills.
2. Use the solid waste fund to pay for the program which could last up to 8 years at the current cost. This option could also help continue the city-wide cleanup which was supported through the same fund.

**Motion:** Councilmember Barrera moved to discontinue the recycling program. Councilmember Harper seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

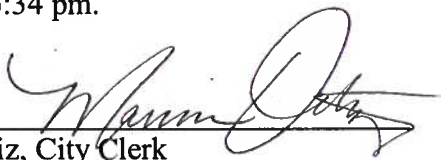
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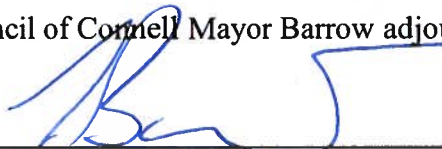
Hallie Tuck, Public Works Director – reported that remodeling was taking place in the Police Department.

Marissa Ortiz, City Clerk – announced City Hall was still providing Free Masks upon request during office hours.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business before the City Council of Connell Mayor Barrow adjourned the meeting at 6:34 pm.

ATTEST:   
Marissa Ortiz, City Clerk

  
Lee Barrow, Mayor