

MEETING OF THE CITY OF CONNELL, WASHINGTON
CONNELL, FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON
June 6, 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

ROLL CALL:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

City Administrator Cathleen Koch, City Clerk Marissa Ortiz, Fire Chief Ken Woffenden, Police Chief Chris Lee, and City Attorney Heidi Ellerd.

ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Motion: Councilmember Escalera moved to appoint Councilmember Pat Barrera as Mayor Pro Tem. Councilmember White seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- a) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting May 16, 2022
- b) Check Register 5/2/22 for \$236,420.19
- c) Payroll Register 5/20/22 – 5/20/22 for \$60,356.80

Councilmember Harper seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING – VACATE RIGHT-OF-WAY SOUTH ALMIRA AVENUE

Mayor Barrow recessed the regular meeting at 6:03 pm and opened a Public Hearing to allow Council to hear comments from the public in regard to the city's intent to vacate the right of way strip. It was intended to be South Almira Avenue within the City parcel located west of the Community Center. Mayor Barrow announced the Public Hearing was adjourned and would continue at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, June 20, 2022, at City Hall, 104 E. Adams Street, Connell, Washington.

Mayor Barrow closed the hearing and opened the regular meeting at 6:03 pm.

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AMENDMENT TO THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR EMPLOYEE AGREEMENT

Provided for Council’s review was an amended employment agreement between the City of Connell and the City Administrator. The current agreement did not include the use of a city vehicle allowed by the employee. The amended contract reflected this change under section 3 Compensation and Benefits. Discussion was held.

Motion: Councilmember Escalera moved to approve the Amended Employee Agreement between the City of Connell and the City Administrator and authorize the Mayor’s execution of the agreement. Councilmember White seconded motion. Motion did not carry unanimously. (Vote 2-3)

RCW 9.41.305 – OPEN CARRY OF WEAPONS LAW

City Attorney Heidi Ellerd explained the newly adopted legislation, which added new restrictions to open carry firearms. Per RCW 9.41.305 it was unlawful to knowingly open carry a firearm while on or any location of a public hearing or meeting. The recommendation was to post a notice with this information during these types of meetings.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

City Clerk, Marissa Ortiz –


Announced that Connell High Senior Xitlaly Mendoza selected by the city for the AWC Center for Quality Communities Scholarship, resulted in becoming an incoming University of WA Presidential Scholar.

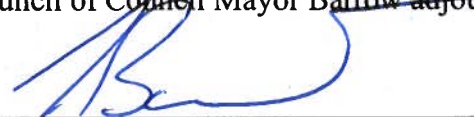
Mayor, Lee Barrow –

Gave City Council an update on the construction of the swimming pool. After default issues with the contractors the opening date was pushed back with the possibility of it not opening for the season.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business before the City Council of Connell Mayor Barrow adjourned the meeting at 6:36 pm.

ATTEST: 
Marissa Ortiz, City Clerk



Lee Barrow, Mayor