

MEETING OF THE CITY OF CONNELL, WASHINGTON
CONNELL, FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON
July 18, 2022

The Regular meeting of the Connell City Council was called to order by Mayor Lee Barrow at 6:04 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, Shelly Harper, and John White.

EXCUSED:

Councilmember Escalera moved to excuse Councilmember's Barrera and Kunkel. Councilmember White seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Kunkel arrived at 6:29 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

City Administrator Cathleen Koch, City Clerk Marissa Ortiz, Treasurer Teresa Steele, Public Works Director Hallie Tuck, Fire Chief Ken Woffenden, Police Chief Chris Lee, Building Services Clerk Sterling Joyner 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 June 20, 2022
- b) Accounts Payable 6/20/22 for \$139,128.22
- c) Accounts Payable 7/5/22 for \$104,371.02
- d) Check Register 7/1/22 for \$264.31
- e) Payroll Register 6/17/22-6/17/22 for \$68,681.57
- f) Payroll Register 7/5/22 – 7/5/22 for \$108,518.87

Councilmember Escalera seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Councilmember Harper moved to approve the agenda as amended: (*added item – Connell Chamber of Commerce/Fall Festival update discussion*). Councilmember Escalera seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

RECYCLING PROGRAM

On February 22, 2022, Council discussed the recycling program. Basin Disposal was asked to conduct a survey for all customers, it included three (3) questions:

1. How important was recycling to you?
2. When recycling was offered in Connell, was the service used?
3. Would you be willing to pay \$1.76 per month to have recycling available at a central location in Connell?

The results were as follows:

- 79% of the 129 responses said recycling was important.

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- 83% of the respondents indicated that they used the recycle containers.
- 79% of those responding said they were willing to pay \$1.76 per month, per customer for centralized recycling containers.

Other important factors presented to Council for consideration were that surveys went to 615 residential customers and in English only. Fourteen (14) responses were received by mail and (142) were submitted electronically. Water rates were increased 3% or approximately \$1.76 per month for each residence as of April 2022.

Motion: Councilmember Escalera moved to reinstate the recycling program with \$1.76 per month increase on garbage bills. Motion failed for lack of a second.

ORDINANCE NO. 1024-2022 – ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS

Per Council’s request Ordinance No. 1024-2022 was revised to include the following to Subsection 5 – section 3.15.020:

The City Administrator shall inform the City Council of any donation that is accepted by the City without City Council approval pursuant to Section 3.15.020.

Motion: Councilmember Harper moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1024-2022 authorizing the acceptance of donations, devises, and bequests to the City of Connell. Councilmember White seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

BUILDING AND PLANNING QUARTERLY UPDATE

Building Services Clerk Sterling Joyner, provided Council with an update of projects that were in progress in the City. He displayed before and after pictures demonstrating the developments.

CONNELL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE/FALL FESTIVAL UPDATE DISCUSSION

Chamber Manager Lauren Smith was present and gave Council an update on Fall Festival items, the festival was scheduled for the second weekend in September. She announced that on August 9, at noon the Chamber would hold a Welcome Back BBQ, City Council was invited to attend.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mayor, Lee Barrow –

Announced the Connell Swimming Pool would open for the season on Monday, July 25, admission was free of charge.

Police Chief, Chris Lee –

Reported he would host a National Night Out event the evening of August 2 from 5-7 pm.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business before the City Council of Connell Mayor Barrow adjourned the meeting at 7:09 pm.

ATTEST:

Marissa Ortiz, City Clerk

Lee Barrow, Mayor