

MEETING OF THE CITY OF CONNELL, WASHINGTON
CONNELL, FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON
August 1, 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, and John White.

EXCUSED:

Pro Tem Barrera moved to excuse Councilmember Kunkel. Councilmember Escalera seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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, and City Attorney Heidi Ellerd.

MEETING RECESSED

Mayor Barrow recessed the regular meeting at 6:01pm to go into Executive Session:

Per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) - To discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity, or is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency.

(10 minutes)

MEETING RECONVENED

Mayor Barrow called the regular meeting back to order at 6:11 pm.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Pro Tem Barrera moved to approve the consent calendar as presented:

- a) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting July 18, 2022
- b) Accounts Payable 8/1/22 for \$105,585.98
- c) Accounts Payable 7/18/22 for \$203,699.88
- d) Check Register 7/15/22 for \$10.00
- e) Payroll Register 7/20/22 – 7/20/22 for \$86,633.70

Councilmember White seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS

TEAMSTERS LOCAL 839 HOLIDAY PAY COMPENSATION AGREEMENT

City staff and Teamsters Local 839, Police Union have worked together to provide an agreement to resolve a grievance Local 839 filed, alleging the City did not correctly calculate and compensate for holiday pay.

Motion: Pro Tem Barrera moved to approve the Agreement between Teamsters Local 839 and the City of Connell regarding holiday pay and authorize the Mayor to sign said Agreement. Councilmember Escalera seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

AXON ENTERPRISE SERVICE AGREEMENT

Provided for Council's review and approval was an Axon Master Services and Purchasing Agreement. During the 2021 legislative session House Bill 1223 was proposed, approved, and signed into law. This bill required that any custodial interrogation of an adult for a felony offense, or a juvenile of any offense, be electronically recorded. If the interrogation was conducted in a cell, jail, or law enforcement office it must be both audio and video recorded. Chief of Police Chris Lee stated Axon would enable the department to disseminate digital evidence to the prosecuting attorney's office without the need for police department staff to hand deliver. It would result in cost savings in staff hours and efficiency with staff time and efforts. This was a 5-year contract with Axon Enterprises, Inc totaling \$76,408.45 w/tax. The total cost would be divided over 5 years. The annual cost would be \$15,281.65 w/tax which was budgeted for 2022.

Motion: Councilmember Harper moved to approve the Axon Enterprise, Inc. contract in the amount of \$76,408.45, \$15,281.65 annually and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract. Councilmember Escalera seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

LEXIPOL SERVICE AGREEMENT

For Council's approval was the Lexipol Service Agreement, which provided the following:

- State-specific policies vetted by law enforcement professionals and public safety attorneys
- Updates in response to legislation, case law, and evolving best practices
- Daily, scenario-based training to bring policy to life
- 24/7 access to policies via a web-based platform and mobile app

This agreement included Lexipol law enforcement policy manual & daily training bulletins from August 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022, and Law Enforcement Tier I Implementation services for \$5,203.07, which was budgeted.

Motion: Councilmember Escalera moved to approve the Lexipol Service Agreement in the amount of \$5,203.07 and authorize the Mayor to sign said Agreement. Pro Tem Barrera seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

BIDDING RESULTS – COMMUNITY CENTER RE-ROOF

Public Works Director Hallie Tuck reported that he sent four requests for quotes to re-roof the Connell Community Center in July. Three (3) were received from the following:

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Silverbow Roofing for \$71,141.50 including tax
Royal Roofing and Siding \$72,857.33 including tax
Cornerstone Pro Roofing LLC \$77,581.79 including tax

Staff's recommendation was to approve the bid from Silverbow Roofing to re-roof the Connell Community Center in the total amount of \$71,141.50.


Motion: Councilmember White moved to approve the Silverbow Roofing to re-roof the Connell Community Center. Councilmember Harper seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY COUNCIL CLOSING REMARKS

Pat Barrera – read a thank you note received from a community member, who gave appreciation to those who participated in the weed clean up around the community.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business before the City Council of Connell Mayor Barrow adjourned the meeting at 6:42 pm.

ATTEST: 
Marissa Ortiz, City Clerk



Lee Barrow, Mayor