

MEETING OF THE CITY OF CONNELL, WASHINGTON
CONNELL, FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON
January 17, 2023

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, Pat Barrera, Shelly Harper, Katrina Kunkel and John White.

STAFF PRESENT:

City Administrator Cathleen Koch, Treasurer Teresa Steele, City Clerk Marissa Ortiz, Public Works Director Hallie Tuck, Police Chief Chris Lee, Fire Chief Ken Woffenden and City Attorney Heidi Ellerd.

PRESENTATION

Steve Tomren, President of the Connell High Junior Eagles was present, he proposed partnership with the City for improving the Pioneer Park Fields. The intention of the improvements was to increase the use of the fields by North Franklin youth leagues. Their goal was to rebuild both baseball fields to current regulation in size. As a nonprofit organization the idea was to seek out grants for the cost of these needs City Council was not opposed to move forward and requested further details before an agreement was drawn up.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Committee</u>	<u>Re/Appointed</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Mayor Lee Barrow	Hotel/Motel	1/1/2023	12/31/2023
Burl Booker	Hotel/Motel	1/1/2023	12/31/2023
Molly Kunkel	Hotel/Motel	1/1/2023	12/31/2023
Patrice Hebel	Hotel/Motel	1/1/2023	12/31/2023
Dale Kuehny	Hotel/Motel	1/1/2023	12/31/2023

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John Brandt	Planning Commission	1/1/2023	12/31/2027

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- a) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting December 5, 2022
- b) Accounts Payable 12/30/22 for \$97,911.32
- c) Accounts Payable 1/17/23 for \$238,825.66
- d) Check Register 12/12/22 for \$579.76
- e) Check Register 12/19/22 for \$326,610.38
- f) Check Register 12/20/22 for \$414.79
- g) Check Register 12/21/22 for \$3,823.10

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- h) Check Register 12/27/22 for \$8,198.41
- i) Check Register 12/29/22 for \$82,457.01
- j) Check Register 12/30/22 for \$2,872.41
- k) Check Register 1/3/23 for \$295.37
- l) Check Register 1/6/23 for \$2,421.16
- m) Check Register 1/10/23 for \$257,971.94
- n) Payroll Register 12/6/22 for \$200.00
- o) Payroll Register 12/5/22 for \$47,717.39
- p) Payroll Register 12/20/22-12/20/22 for \$73,688.74
- q) Payroll Register 1/5/23 – 1/5/23 for \$95,957.51
- r) Tabled Item #7 – Adoption of Ordinances for the 2022 Comp Plan Amendment and related Area-Wide Rezone.

Councilmember Harper seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Councilmember Kunkel moved to approve the agenda as amended: (*Tabled Agenda Item#7- Adoption of Ordinances for the 2022 Comp Plan Amendment and related Area-Wide Rezone*). Councilmember Escalera seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES FOR THE 2022 COMP PLAN AMENDMENT AND RELATED AREA WIDE REZONE

Tabled

ENERGY NORTHWEST INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION

On December 5, 2022, City Council approved an interlocal agreement with Energy Northwest (EN) for an Electric Vehicle Charging Station lease. EN requested the City to also approve a Site Control Agreement that Shell required. The site control agreement was not included in the packet therefore it was brought forward for separate consideration.

Motion: Mayor Tem Barrera moved to approve the Site Control Agreement between Energy Northwest and the City of Connell for a lease agreement and Electric Vehicle Charging Station Maintenance. Councilmember Kunkel seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY ATTORNEY PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

City Attorney Heidi Ellerd requested the City to consider a new agreement with a fee increase from \$160 to \$200 per hour. Ms. Ellerd indicated that the proposed hourly rate was still less than what she charged other clients, except municipalities. Her rate was normally \$350 per hour. The proposed agreement would amend a contract from 2007 that was currently in effect.

Motion: Councilmember Harper moved to approve the City Attorney Professional Services Agreement. Councilmember Escalera seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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RELEASE OF RETAINAGE – COMMUNITY CENTER PARKING LOT PROJECT

Provided were release certificates from three state agencies that authorized the City of Connell to release retainage to Granite Construction for the Community Center Parking Project in the amount of \$16,307.48.

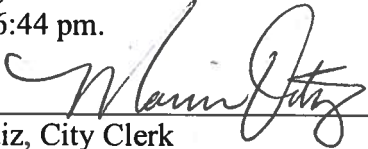
Motion: Councilmember Kunkel moved to approve the release of retainage to Granite Construction for the Community Center Parking Project. Councilmember White seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.


BUILDING AND PLANNING QUARTERLY UPDATE

Building Services Clerk Sterling Joyner gave City Council an update on current projects in Connell. Various projects were underway from housing to commercial development.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business before the City Council of Connell Mayor Barrow adjourned the meeting at 6:44 pm.

ATTEST: 
Marissa Ortiz, City Clerk


Lee Barrow, Mayor