

MEETING OF THE CITY OF CONNELL, WASHINGTON
CONNELL, FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON
October 4, 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:

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- a) Accounts Payable 10/4/23 for \$92,047.60
- b) Check Register 9/25/23 for \$71.08
- c) Payroll Register 9/20/23-9/20/23 for \$83,876.42

Councilmember Escalera seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Councilmember Kunkel moved to approve the agenda as amended: (*Added Memo #10 – Professional Services Agreement, City Attorney Services*). Pro Tem Barrera seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

BUDGET ESTIMATES OF REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES

In accordance with RCW 35A.33.135 provided to the City Council by Treasurer Teresa Steele were the 2023 adopted and 2024 proposed revenues for the City. A difference column was included, it displayed the increase and/or decrease in comparison with the percentage. Projections would continue to be updated as new information pertaining to the revenues and expenditures were received. A public hearing was scheduled on October 18th, where an informative presentation would be presented with revised figures for the consideration of all revenue sources and property taxes.

BASIN DISPOSAL FUEL SURCHARGE

BDI proposed a 2.19% fuel surcharge for the billing invoices for the months of November and December as fuel prices remained high. The previous fuel surcharge was 1.07%. For the Council's consideration the new proposed fuel surcharge and rate sheet were provided. Staff recommended approval of the fuel surcharge at the 2.19% rate and any future increases would be discussed separately.

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Motion: Councilmember Kunkel moved to approve a fuel surcharge of 2.19% to be added to garbage bills for the months of November and December 2023. Pro Tem Barrera seconded the motion. (4-1 Vote) Motion carried.

BUILDING AND PLANNING QUARTERLY UPDATE

Building Services Clerk Sterling Joyner gave the City Council updates on current building projects for both residential and commercial structures. He included the latest on land use permits and forecasted future building plans.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT – CITY ATTORNEY SERVICES

City Attorney Heidi Ellerd requested the City Council to consider the approval of a revised professional City Attorney services agreement. The law firm had a change in personnel therefore the only modification to the agreement was a name change. All other terms and conditions remained the same and in full force and effect.

Motion: Councilmember Kunkel moved to approve the revised City Attorney Professional Services Agreement with the new law firm name and authorize the Mayor to sign the said agreement. Councilmember Escalera seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

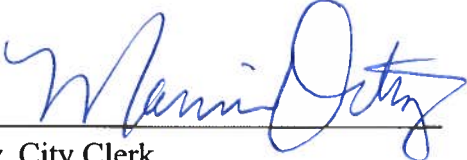
CITIZEN COMMENT/NON-AGENDA ITEMS

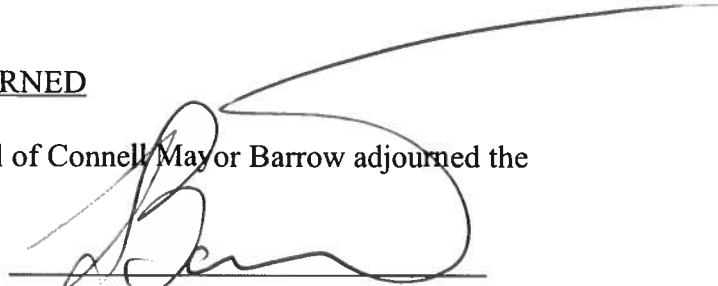
Public member Kara Booker requested an extension of citizen comment time limit, and a motion was made.

Motion: Councilmember Kunkel moved to extend a longer comment time limit. Pro Tem Barrera seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business before the City Council of Connell Mayor Barrow adjourned the meeting at 7:28 pm.

ATTEST: 
Marissa Ortiz, City Clerk


Lee Barrow, Mayor