

MEETING OF THE CITY OF CONNELL, WASHINGTON  
CONNELL, FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
May 15, 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: Katrina Kunkel, Shelly Harper, Pat Barrera, and Joe Escalera.

**EXCUSED:**

Pro Tem Barrera moved to excuse the absence of Councilmember White. Councilmember Kunkel seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**STAFF PRESENT:**

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- a) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting May 1, 2023
- b) Accounts Payable 5/15/23 for \$516,957.42
- c) Check Register 5/1/23 for \$365.97
- d) Payroll Register 5/02/23-5/02/23 for \$44,766.19

Pro Tem Barrera seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Motion:** Councilmember Kunkel moved to approve the agenda as amended: (*Agenda item #8 was a presentation vs an action*). Councilmember Harper seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

**PUBLIC HEARING – SIX YEAR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2024-2029**  
Mayor Barrow recessed the regular meeting at 6:04 pm and opened a Public Hearing to allow Council to hear comments from the public in regard to considering the adoption of the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan 2024-2029.

**STAFF REPORT:**

Public Works Director Hallie Tuck provided Connell's STIP for 2024-2029. Discussion was held during the street committee on May 15, Mr. Tuck informed the City Council the plan was the funding mechanism for expensive capital improvements to Connell's multimodal transportation network. Staff recommended adopting Resolution No 2023-04 updating the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan.

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PUBLIC COMMENT:  
None heard.

COUNCILMEMBERS COMMENT PORTION OF THE HEARING:  
None heard.

Mayor Barrow closed the hearing and opened the regular meeting of 6:08 pm.

**Motion:** Councilmember Kunkel moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-04 for the 2024-2029 State Transportation Improvement Plan. Councilmember Harper seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-05 MASTER FEE SCHEDULE AMENDMENT WATER/SEWER RATES

Treasurer Teresa Steele gave a presentation on the proposed water and sewer rate increases. The recommendations were based on several reasons. Treasurer Steele shared that a new well, capital needs and high inflation were a few. Well #5 had failed and was not in commission since 2022. The cost to replace was high, over \$1 million. City staff wished to bring back additional details related to sewer rates. The need to increase sewer rates could possibly be delayed.

MEETING RECESSED

Mayor Barrow recessed the regular meeting at 6:31 pm to go into Executive Session:  
(10 minutes)

Per RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i) - To discuss legal counsel representing the City matter relating to agency enforcement actions.

Police Chief Lee, Public Works Director Tuck and Fire Chief Woffenden were invited to join the session.

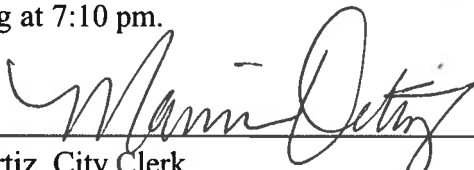
Mayor Barrow extended the executive meeting by 10 minutes.

MEETING RECONVENED

Mayor Barrow called the regular meeting back to order at 7:00 pm.  
No action taken.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business before the City Council of City Administrator Koch adjourned the meeting at 7:10 pm.

ATTEST:   
Marissa Ortiz, City Clerk

  
Lee Barrow, Mayor