

MEETING OF THE CITY OF CONNELL, WASHINGTON
CONNELL, FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON
June 5, 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: John White, Shelly Harper, and Pat Barrera.

EXCUSED:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Fire Chief Ken Woffenden, 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 Harper moved to approve the consent calendar as presented:

- a) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting May 15, 2023
- b) Accounts Payable 6/5/23 for \$642,590.34
- c) Payroll Register 5/19/23-5/19/23 for \$45,313.08

Pro Tem Barrera seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS

AMENDING REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING DAYS

In 2013, the City Council changed the regular meeting dates and times from Wednesdays to Mondays. Fridays and Mondays were the days that holidays were recognized, and most people were out of the office on vacation. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays did not seem to have as many conflicts. Wednesdays were selected since that was the day that worked well prior to switching to Mondays.

The City Council held a discussion and chose to approve the change.

Motion: Councilmember Harper moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1031-2023 changing the City's meeting day from Mondays to the first and third Wednesday of each month. Councilmember White seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Pro Tem Barrera moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1031-2023 changing the City's meeting day from Mondays to the first and third Wednesday of each month with the effective

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date of June 19, 2023. Councilmember Harper seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

BASIN DISPOSAL FUEL SURCHARGE

Basin Disposal proposed a 1.51% fuel surcharge for the billing invoices for the months of July and August as fuel prices remained high. The previous fuel surcharge was 2.01%. Provided for the City Council was the new proposed fuel surcharge and rate sheets for those months.

Motion: Pro Tem Barrera moved to approve a fuel surcharge of 1.51% be added to garbage bills for the months of July and August 2023. Councilmember Harper seconded the motion. Motion carried. (2-3 vote)

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-05 MASTER FEE SCHEDULE AMENDMENT – BULK WATER RATES

Provided for Council’s consideration was Resolution No. 2023-05 amending Schedule I, Bulk Water rates within the Master Fee Schedule. The proposed change was being made to alleviate confusion for the customers and to streamline the process for employees. Public Works Director Hallie Tuck stated he had looked at surrounding cities’ bulk water rate fees and their practice seemed to be less complicated to understand.

Motion: Councilmember White moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-05 amending Bulk Water Rates. Councilmember Harper seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING RECESSED

Mayor Barrow recessed the regular meeting at 6:20 pm to go into Executive Session: (10 minutes)

Per RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i) - To discuss legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions and current or potential litigation.

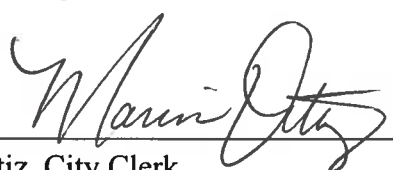
At 6:30 pm Mayor Barrow extended the executive meeting by 5 minutes.
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At 6:41 pm Mayor Barrow extended the executive meeting by 5 minutes.


MEETING RECONVENED

Mayor Barrow called the regular meeting back to order at 6:47 pm.
No action taken.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business before the City Council of Connell Mayor Barrow adjourned the meeting at 6:55 pm.

ATTEST: 
Marissa Ortiz, City Clerk



Lee Barrow, Mayor