

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF CONNELL, WASHINGTON
CONNELL, FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON
June 5, 2024

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, Preston Hart, and John White.

STAFF PRESENT:

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- a) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting June 5, 2024
- b) Accounts Payable 6/5/24 for \$98,415.15
- c) Check Register 5/30/24 for \$5,850.00
- d) Payroll Register 5/20/24 - 5/20/24 for \$72,592.64

Councilmember Escalera seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Councilmember White moved to approve the agenda as amended: *(Addition- Agenda item #8a – Resolution No. 2024-07 Amend Schedule D Parks & Rec / Swim Team member fee)*. Councilmember Hart seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING RECESSED

Mayor Barrow recessed the Regular meeting at 6:02 pm to go into Executive Closed Session for (15 minutes).

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

At 6:17 pm Mayor Barrow extended the executive session by 10 minutes.

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MEETING RECONVENED

Mayor Barrow called the regular meeting back to order at 6:37 pm.

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DISCUSSION ON THE SOUTHSIDE WATER MAIN PROJECT AND SR260 ROADWORK
City Councilmembers acted and agreed to initiate an agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation, agreeing to pay half of the repair costs from the Southside Water main project that left a dip in the road after the project was completed. The total estimated cost was \$19,134.00.

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Harper moved to enter into an agreement with WSDOT stating that the City of Connell would pay 50% of the estimated repair cost due to a road dip repair on SR 260 and authorize the Mayor to sign and execute the necessary documents. Councilmember Hart seconded the motion. Motion carried (4-1 vote).

REQUEST TO CHANGE SWIM TEAM MEMBER FEE - RESOLUTION NO. 2024-07 -
AMEND SCHEDULE D – PARKS & RECREATION

Mayor, Lee Barrow informed the City Council that at the previous Council meeting Resolution No. 2024-05 was approved, increasing the swimming team member fees from \$20 to \$75 for the pool season. Following further discussions with the swim team coach, they determined that the amended fee was more than anticipated. The swim team coach has requested the membership fee be reduced to \$65 rather than \$75.

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Harper moved to adopt Resolution No. 2024-07 amending Schedule D of the Master Fee Schedule. Councilmember Escalera seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mayor, Lee Barrow:

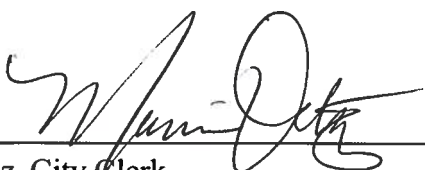
- Reported that the Swimming Pool was set to open on June 14 with swim team tryouts scheduled on June 12.

City Administrator, Cathleen Koch:

- Disclosed concerns about the Motel currently owned by the Last Chapter Private Family Management Company previously known as Connell Inn & Suites.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business before the City Council of Connell Mayor Barrow adjourned the meeting at 7:01 pm.

ATTEST: 
Marissa Ortiz, City Clerk



Lee Barrow, Mayor