

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF CONNELL, WASHINGTON
CONNELL, FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON
June 19, 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, Shelly Harper, and John White.

EXCUSED:

Councilmember Escalera moved to excuse Councilmembers Pat Barrera and Preston Hart. Mayor Pro Tem Harper seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Barrow informed and cleared up the recent swim team fee increase that left swimmers concerned and confused.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Harper moved to approve the consent calendar as presented:

- a) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting June 5, 2024
- b) Accounts Payable 6/19/24 for \$186,237.60
- c) Check Register 6/03/24 for \$314.65
- d) Payroll Register 6/05/24 - 6/05/24 for \$118,813.59

Councilmember Escalera seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1042-2024 - AMENDING CHAPTER 16.16.385 DUST CONTROL

City Administrator Cathleen Koch stated that the Mayor and City staff determined that it was necessary to amend the Connell Municipal Code (CMC) 16.16.385 to provide better solutions and requirements to comply with the dust ordinance. The current remedies and requirements included suspending work and/or abatement procedures using City resources and then claiming against the bond, which was not practicable. In addition, if a developer was uncooperative and did not terminate work as directed, the city did not have another option. The amendment of the ordinance would permit the City to determine penalties of up to \$500 per day and/or charge an owner or developer with a misdemeanor.

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1st Motion: Councilmember White moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1042-2024 Amending Chapter 16.16.385 Dust Control. Mayor Pro Tem Harper seconded the motion. (2-1 vote) Motion was not carried.

2nd Motion: Councilmember White moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1042-2024 Amending Chapter 16.16.385 Dust Control. Mayor Pro Tem Harper seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 1043-2024 – ESTABLISHING CHAPTER 9.25 OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC ORDER

Chief of Police Chris Lee proposed Ordinance No. 1043-2024, it would address two crucial aspects of public safety and well-being regarding minors in the City of Connell: the supervision of minors and the prevention of contributing to the delinquency of minors. The Ordinance was intended to enhance the safety of minors by ensuring that parents, guardians, and custodians were held accountable for their supervisory responsibilities and by deterring adults from engaging in behaviors that could lead to minors committing offenses. Violations of both ordinances would be classified as misdemeanors with penalties including fines up to \$1,000, imprisonment up to 90 days, or both.

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Harper moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1043-2024 establishing Chapter 9.25 of the Connell Municipal Code. Councilmember White seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 1044-2024 – REPEALING CHAPTER 9.24 CURFEW HOURS FOR JUVENILES

Chief of Police Chris Lee presented Ordinance No. 1044-2024, repealing chapter 9.24 of the Connell Municipal Code, relating to curfew hours for juveniles. Although Chapter 9.24 had some exceptions, it concentrated solely on the presence of juveniles in public places during curfew hours without distinguishing between juveniles who were out for legitimate reasons and those who would be engaging in illegal activities. Chief Lee's purpose of this ordinance was to ensure the safety of minors and reduce juvenile delinquency. He also expressed his concerns about the validity and constitutionality of it. The recommendation was to repeal Chapter 9.24 of the Connell Municipal Code.

Motion: Councilmember Escalera moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1044-2024 repealing Chapter 9.24 of the Connell Municipal Code, relating to curfew hours for juveniles. Mayor Pro Tem Harper seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCILMEMBERS REMARKS

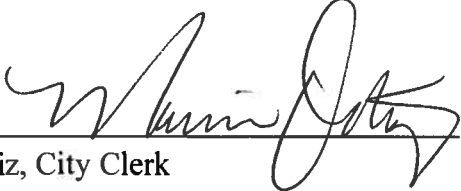
Mayor, Lee Barrow:


- Thanked the Public Works crew for all the work they do behind the scenes for the City of Connell.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business before the City Council of Connell Mayor Barrow adjourned the meeting at 6:43 pm.

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ATTEST: 
Marissa Ortiz, City Clerk



Lee Barrow, Mayor