

MEETING OF THE CITY OF CONNELL, WASHINGTON
CONNELL, FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON
August 16, 2023

The Regular meeting of the Connell City Council was called to order by Mayor Lee Barrow at 6:01 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, and John White.

EXCUSED:

Councilmember Kunkel moved to excuse the absence of Councilmembers Pat Barrera and Joe Escalera. Councilmember White seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

STAFF PRESENT:

Treasurer Teresa Steele, 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 August 2, 2023
- b) Accounts Payable 8/16/23 for \$298,345.69
- c) Check Register 8/1/23 for \$406.47
- d) Payroll Register 7/20/23-7/20/23 for \$85,424.79
- e) Payroll Register 8/4/23-8/4/23 for \$119,733.10

Councilmember Harper seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS

SOLAR MORATORIUM EXTENSION

At the September 19, 2022, City Council Meeting, City Council approved Ordinance No. 1025-2022 and was extended in Ordinance No. 1030-2023, shall continue in effect until midnight on Wednesday, March 6, 2024, to allow for an additional period of 6 months, unless repealed, extended, or modified by the City Council. The extension would allow staff to continue the investigation, study, and consideration of changes to the Connell Municipal Code that would establish siting guidelines and development standards for Commercial/Industrial Solar and Wind Energy Projects. The drafted Ordinance was provided for review, it included the workplan, which directed staff to continue studying the issues concerning commercial/industrial solar or wind energy projects. The workplan also required staff to recommend a set of proposed amendments to the Connell Municipal Code regarding commercial-scale energy project siting.

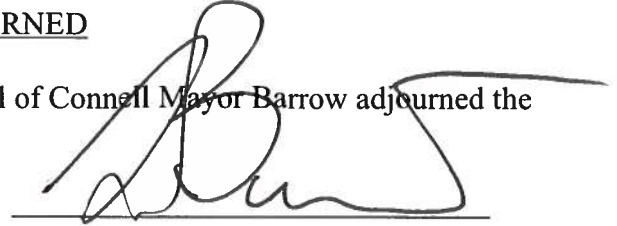
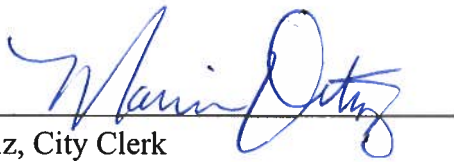
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Motion: Councilmember Kunkel moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1033-203, extending the moratorium on commercial/industrial solar and wind energy projects, and adopting a workplan. Councilmember White seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business before the City Council of Connell Mayor Barrow adjourned the meeting at 6:12 pm.

ATTEST: _____
Marissa Ortiz, City Clerk



Lee Barrow, Mayor