

MEETING OF THE CITY OF CONNELL, WASHINGTON
CONNELL, FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON
September 20, 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: Joe Escalera, Katrina Kunkel, and Shelly Harper.

STAFF PRESENT:

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

EXCUSED:

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

PRESENTATION/CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Paul Rosso with the Department of Ecology provided brief information on both outdoor and residential smoke management, burn permits and burn bans.
- b. Mayor Barrow announced the honoring of Dr. Dionisio Ang, for his long-time medical practice in the City of Connell. Dr. Ang established medical care in 1984 at the current North Franklin Visitor Center building; a recognition plaque was placed there in his honor. His daughter Jeannifer Kaiser also a long-time resident stated he was compassionate and loved doing what he did. He retired in the year 2000.
- c. Mayor Barrow made known out of 85 applications the Public Works Board (PWB) accepted the City of Connell's loan application in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 for the construction of a new domestic well.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- a) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting September 6, 2023
- b) Accounts Payable 9/20/23 for \$183,865.01
- c) Check Register 9/01/23 for \$311.95
- d) Payroll Register 9/5/23-9/5/23 for \$114,366.67

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1035-2023 – AMENDING THE ANIMAL CONTROL CODE

On September 6, 2023, the City Council agreed to postpone the decision to amend and/or adopt changes to Connell Municipal Code chapters 8.08, Dogs, Cats, and Household Pets, 8.12 Poultry/Chicken, and 9.48 Noise Regulation. The council instead requested that staff produce additional options for consideration at the following regular meeting. Staff reminded the council that no current enforcement capabilities were in place as it pertained to chapter 8.12 Poultry. In reviewing the code further, it prohibited owning, possessing, keeping, raising, or harboring poultry in the city limits with a penalty of a misdemeanor criminal charge for a violation. A criminal charge seemed excessive and was not recommended in the new options proposed.

The following three (3) options were prepared for Council’s consideration:

Option #1

- Not amend chapter 8.12 (Poultry)
- Adopt Ordinance No. 1035-2023 amending chapters 8.08 Dogs, Cats, and Household Pets and 9.48 Noise Regulations as presented.

Option #2

- Adopt Ordinance No. 1035-2023 amending chapter 8.12 Poultry reducing the penalty to an infraction, rather than a misdemeanor, with a progressive fee schedule of \$100.00, \$150.00, \$200.00 based on violations annually.
- Adopt Ordinance No. 1035-2023 amending chapters 8.08 Dogs, Cats, and Household Pets, and 9.48 Noise Regulation as presented.

Option #3

- Adopt Ordinance No. 1035-2023 amending chapter 8.12 Poultry/Chickens as proposed on 9/6 except for amending the housing standards to “Coops shall be at least 10 feet from any neighbors dwelling and within the property line.”
- Adopt Ordinance No. 1035-2023 amending chapters 8.08 Dogs, Cats, and Household Pets, and 9.48 Noise Regulation as presented.

Motion: Councilmember Kunkel moved to approve Option #3, adopting Ordinance No. 1035-2023 amending chapter 8.08, 9.48, and 8.12 of the Connell Municipal Code and authorizing the Mayor to sign. Councilmember Harper seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-08 – AMENDING THE MASTER FEE SCHEDULE

On September 6, 2023, the Council was presented with Animal Control Code amendments for chapters 8.08, 8.12, and 9.48 of the Connell Municipal Code. Three options were brought back for consideration. The council approved option #3 and with the passing of the new Ordinance No. 1035 the Master Fee Schedule also needed to be updated. The amendments proposed to the code and the fee schedule provided an opportunity to remove the fees listed in the individual code(s) so they could be placed in a singular location on the Master Fee Schedule.

Motion: Councilmember Harper moved to Resolution No. 2023-08, amending the Master Fee Schedule, and authorizing the Mayor to sign the said resolution. Councilmember Kunkel seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

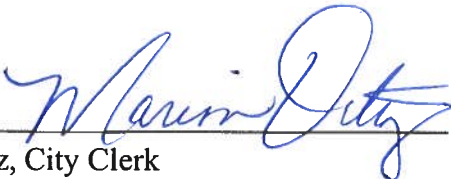
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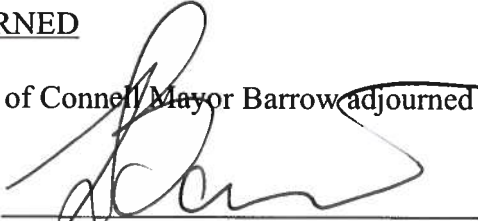
Shelly Harper – expressed her request to resolve the Booker Barn and school district buildings disputes then made a motion.

Motion: Councilmember Harper made a motion to allow the Booker Barn the Red Barn, and the school’s wrestling room to be used as intended. Councilmember Kunkel 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 7:10 pm.

ATTEST: 
Marissa Ortiz, City Clerk



Lee Barrow, Mayor