

MEETING OF THE CITY OF CONNELL, WASHINGTON  
CONNELL, FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
January 21, 2020

The Regular meeting of the Connell City Council was called to order by Mayor Barrow at 6:00 pm in the City Hall and was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

**PRESENT:** Mayor Lee Barrow and Councilmember's: Joe Escalera, Shelly Harper and Katrina Kunkel.

**STAFF:** City Administrator Maria Peña, City Clerk Marissa Ortiz, City Treasurer Genesis Bernal, Public Director Hallie Tuck, Fire Chief Ken Woffenden, Police Chief Chris Turner, Building Planner Sterling Joyner and City Attorney Dan Hultgrenn.

**EXCUSED:** Councilmember Escalera moved to excuse Councilmember's John White and Pat Barrera. Councilmember Harper seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Barrow appointed Councilmember Joe Escalera to the Mayor Pro Tem.

**Motion:** Councilmember Kunkel moved to approve the appointment to Joe Escalera as Mayor Pro Tem. Councilmember Harper seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT CALENDAR

**Motion:** Councilmember Harper moved to approve the consent calendar as presented:

- a) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting January 6, 2020
- b) Accounts payable 12/31/19 for \$104,330.52
- c) Accounts payable 1/21/20 for \$193,269.06
- d) Payroll Register 1/15/20 – 1/17/20 for \$65,269.19

Councilmember Kunkel seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS

**PUBLIC HEARING – ADOPTING THE 2019 CONNELL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

Mayor Barrow recessed the regular meeting at 6:03 pm and opened a Public Hearing to allow for the purpose of considering the Adoption of the 2019 Connell Comprehensive Plan.

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**STAFF REPORT:** Provided for Council was the staff report prepared by Nicole Stickney from AHBL. In accordance with the State of Washington Growth Management Act (WAC Chapter 365-196 and RCW 36.70A) and Connell Municipal Code (CMC) section 16.02.060, the City was required to review the Comprehensive Plan (and other items) under the Periodic Update requirements. The city's last Comprehensive Plan was adopted as a 2007 Comprehensive Plan Update in January 2008 (Resolution 2008-11) and there were no subsequent amendments. The City initiated the Comprehensive Plan update processes with the adoption of a Public Participation Plan via Resolution 2017-04 on April 17, 2017. AHBL was later hired on as a consultant to assist with the process and perform work for the update. AHBL had prepared several different draft versions of the Plan for review by staff, then forwarded to the Planning Commission for their study and review. Updates had been made throughout the process, mostly upkeeping with data.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**  
None heard

**COUNCILMEMBERS COMMENT PORTION OF THE HEARING:**  
Councilmember Harper questioned if the city's population was included in the count with the incarcerated population at Coyote Ridge Corrections Center.

Mayor Barrow closed the hearing and opened the regular meeting at 6:17 p.m.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1004-2020 ADOPTION OF 2019 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**  
Provided to Council was Ordinance No.1004-2020 adopting the 2019 Connell Comprehensive Plan.

***Motion:*** Councilmember Kunkel moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1004-2020 adopting the 2019 Comprehensive Plan. Councilmember Harper seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING – ADOPTING A REVISED ZONING MAP FOR THE CITY TO IMPLEMENT THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**  
Mayor Barrow recessed the regular meeting at 6:19 pm and opened a Public Hearing to allow for the purpose of considering the Adoption of a revised zoning map, and re-classifying certain properties to implement the 2019 Connell Comprehensive Plan.

**STAFF REPORT:** Nicole Stickney briefly spoke on the revisions to the City's zoning map; changes included a few zoning classifications. Overall it was made sure to be consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**  
None heard

**COUNCILMEMBERS COMMENT PORTION OF THE HEARING:**  
Councilmember Harper inquired about the "Wetlands" indicated near Mueller Rd. and Highway 260 on the Land Use Map.

Mayor Barrow closed the hearing and opened the regular meeting at 6:24 p.m.

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ORDINANCE NO. 1005-2020 ADOPTION OF REVISED ZONING MAP TO IMPLEMENT  
THE 2019 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Provided to Council was Ordinance No. 1005-2020 adopting the revised zoning map to implement the 2019 Connell Comprehensive Plan.

**Motion:** Councilmember Escalera moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1005-2020 adopting a revised zoning map, and re-classifying certain properties to implement the 2019 Connell Comprehensive Plan. Councilmember Kunkel seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING – ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE CONNELL MUNICIPAL  
CODE TO IMPLEMENT THE 2019 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Mayor Barrow recessed the regular meeting at 6:25 pm and opened a Public Hearing to allow for the purpose of considering the Adopting amendments to the Connell Municipal Code to implement the 2019 Connell Comprehensive Plan.

STAFF REPORT: Nicole Stickney reported a review was done on the entire Code. It was made sure that updates with the state law or other requirements would necessitate additions or deletions to the Connell Municipal Code. Stickney summarized specific changes that were made in several chapters in Title 17 Zoning; addition of penalties for violations, Agricultural District renamed to Urban Reserve District and added a purpose statement, changed asphalt and concrete manufacturing plans for a permitted use to a conditional use in IH District, removed regulations on Manufactured homes that did not conform to RCW 35A.21.312, added electric vehicles infrastructure to meet RCW 36.70A.695 requirements, added “essential public facilities per RCW 36A.70A.200(5) and WAC 365-196-550 requirements, added section 17.22.025 on cargo/storage containers. A chapter in Title 18 (Manufactured Housing Placement) only minor were changes.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Pamela Welch Moon a resident of Connell addressed the chicken keeping, who would regulate.

COUNCILMEMBERS COMMENT PORTION OF THE HEARING:

Councilmember Harper was concerned with the chicken keeping section in the code.

Mayor Barrow closed the hearing and opened the regular meeting at 6:44 p.m.

ORDINANCE NO. 1006-2020 ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE CMC TO IMPLEMENT  
THE 2019 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

Provided to Council was Ordinance No. 1006-2020 adopting updates to the Municipal Code in Chapter 1.04, Chapter 8.08, Chapter 8.12, Title 14, Title 16, Title 17, and Chapter 18.08, to implement the 2019 Connell Comprehensive Plan.

**Motion:** Councilmember Escalera moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1006-2020 adopting updates to the Municipal Code in Chapter 1.04, Chapter 8.08, Chapter 8.12, Title 14, Title 16, Title 17, and Chapter 18.08, to implement the 2019 Connell Comprehensive Plan. Councilmember Harper seconded motion. (2-1 vote) Due to the majority of the Council not in attendance the motion did not carry unanimously.

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After discussion was held for reconsideration of Ordinance No. 1006-2020 to modify the motion, Council was in favor. Nicole Stickney proposed the following changes and deletions of the ordinance; the removal of Chapter 8.08 Animals, Dogs, Cats and Household Pets and Chapter 8.12 Animals and Poultry.

**Motion:** Councilmember Kunkel moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1006-2020 adopting amendments to the Municipal Code in Chapter 1.04, Title 14, Title 16, Title 17, and Chapter 18.08, to implement the 2019 Connell Comprehensive Plan. Councilmember Harper seconded motion.

**PUBLIC HEARING – ADOPTING A REVISION TO THE CITY’S CRITICAL AREA ORDINANCE AND THE CITY’S FLOOD HAZARD REGULATIONS**

Mayor Barrow recessed the regular meeting at 6:47 pm and opened a Public Hearing to allow for the purpose of considering the Adoption of the revision to the City’s Critical Area Ordinance and the City’s Flood Hazard Regulations.

**STAFF REPORT:** Nicole Stickney stated this update of the plan was in accordance with the State of Washington Growth Management Act the City was required to conduct a period review of the Critical Areas Ordinance. The update was part of the 8-year periodic update schedule. Stickney read the following changes to the Critical Areas Ordinances:

- Revised Best Available Science (BAS) and incorporated into CAO and maps
- Revised goals section of CAO
- Updated references to various documents throughout the code
- Revised existing definitions and removed obsolete definitions
- Revised Reasonable Use Exception language and changed decision maker from director to hearing examiner
- Updated provisions for bonding to ensure mitigation and monitoring

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**  
None heard

**COUNCILMEMBERS COMMENT PORTION OF THE HEARING:**  
None heard

Mayor Barrow closed the hearing and opened the regular meeting at 7:04 p.m.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1007-2020 AMENDING CRITICAL AREAS ORDINANCE & FLOOD HAZARD REGULATIONS FOR THE 2019 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

Provided for Council was Ordinance No. 1007-2020 approving the proposed amendments to the Critical Areas Ordinances and the Flood Hazard Regulations, including the adoption of the maps and Best Available Science.

**Motion:** Councilmember Harper moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1007-2020 adopting the proposed amendments to the Critical Areas Ordinance and the Flood Hazard Regulations, including adoption of the maps and Best Available Science. Councilmember Escalera seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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**PUBLIC HEARING – PETITION FOR DE-ANNEXATION**

Mayor Barrow recessed the regular meeting at 7:08 pm and opened a Public Hearing to allow for the purpose of hearing a petition for de-annexation from Roger Bailie, registered agent for Abundancia LLC.

**STAFF REPORT:** The City received a petition for de-annexation from the applicant Roger Bailie on November 12, 2019 for Parcel No. 106430015. He was seeking exclusion from the incorporated area of the City. The petition was validated as sufficient by the Franklin County Assessor on November 18, 2019. Notices were posted as per RCW 35A.16.080 and were posted on the City website, City bulletin board, US Post Office, posted at three locations on the site, and published in the Franklin County Graphic.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None heard

**COUNCILMEMBERS COMMENT PORTION OF THE HEARING:**

None heard

Mayor Barrow closed the hearing and opened the regular meeting at 7:14 p.m.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1008-2020 DE-ANNEXATION OF ABUNDANCIA PROPERTY**

Following the public hearing, Council determined the exclusion for City boundaries by ordinance. The ordinance contained a legal description of the territory and declared it no longer a part of the code city RCW 35A.16.080(4). It provided for the de-annexation of Parcel No. 106-430-015.

**Motion:** Councilmember Kunkel moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1008-2020 providing for the de-annexation of Parcel No. 106-430-015. Councilmember Harper seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**AMENDMENT NO.1 TASK ORDER FOR 5<sup>th</sup> AVE. / FRANKLIN STREET WATER LINE IMPROVEMENTS**

Hallie Tuck reported the amendment provided was for approximately 1,000 linear feet of 8-inch water line to replace a dead-end waterline and loop system on Almira Ave and Chelan Ave. It had been a much-needed project for water quality in that specific area. The project would be added to the 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. / Franklin Street project not to exceed an additional \$7,000 for design engineering and \$5,000 for construction engineering.

**Motion:** Councilmember Harper moved to approve the Amendment No. 1 Task Order for 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. / Franklin Street Water Line Improvement project. Councilmember Escalera seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**MEETING RECESSED**

Mayor Barrow recessed the regular meeting at 7:25 pm to go into Executive session for 10 minutes to discuss the latest proposal for the police collective bargaining agreement.

MEETING RECONVENED

Mayor Barrow called the regular meeting back to order at 7:35 pm.

**POLICE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT**

City staff and representatives from the Teamsters Union had worked together to provide a Police Collective Bargaining Agreement that covered the police officers from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2022.

**Motion:** Councilmember Escalera moved to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Connell and Teamsters Local Union No. 839 as presented. Councilmember Harper seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-01 AMENDING THE 2020 SALARY SCHEDULE**

City Clerk Marissa Ortiz stated that City Council had approved Resolution No. 2019-06 on November 4, 2019 setting the salaries for City employees for the year 2020. The schedule reflected a 2% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for Non-Union employees. After discussion Council was in favor of staff to prepare a revised resolution to reflect a 3% (COLA) for Non-Union employees. After the approval of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Connell and Teamsters Local Union No. 839, Council also approved a 2.5% (COLA) for Union employees.

**Motion:** Councilmember Kunkel moved to approve Resolution No. 2020-01 Amending the 2020 Salary Schedule to reflect a 3% (COLA) for Non-Union employees and a 2.5% (COLA) for Union employees. Councilmember Escalera seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

City Administrator Maria Peña –

1. Appreciated all the help received by Nicole Stickney and AHBL throughout the update of the Connell Comprehensive Plan.

CITIZEN COMMENT/NON-AGENDA ITEMS

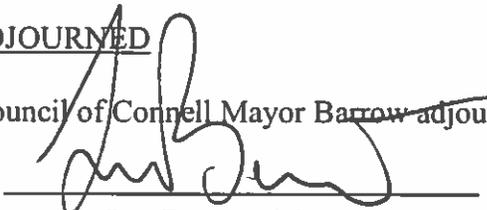
Ray Minor – pleased with all City Staff.

Pam Moon – Thanked the Public Works City Staff for keeping the snow fall under control.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business before the City Council of Connell Mayor Barrow adjourned the meeting at 7:42 pm.

ATTEST:   
Marissa Ortiz, City Clerk

  
Lee Barrow, Mayor