

MEETING OF THE CITY OF CONNELL, WASHINGTON  
CONNELL, FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
February 3, 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: Pat Barrera, Shelly Harper and Katrina Kunkel.

**STAFF:** City Administrator Maria Peña, City Clerk Marissa Ortiz, City Treasurer Genesis Bernal, Fire Chief Ken Woffenden, Police Chief Chris Turner and City Attorney Dan Hultgrenn.

**EXCUSED:** Councilmember Barrera moved to excuse Councilmember John White and Mayor Pro Tem Joe Escalera. Councilmember Harper seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS

City Administrator Maria Peña administered the Oath of Office to Marissa Ortiz for City Clerk and Genesis Bernal for City Treasurer.

CONSENT CALENDAR

**Motion:** Councilmember Barrera moved to approve the consent calendar as amended:

- a) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting January 21, 2020  
(pg.1 removed councilmember name – Pat Barrera under present.  
Pg.5,6; corrected councilmember Shelly Harper – last name)
- b) Accounts payable 2/31/2020 for \$56,303.35
- c) Check Register 12/31/19 \$318.44

Councilmember Kunkel seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS

**PUBLIC HEARING – ADOPTION of THE PARKS, RECREATION, AND OPEN SPACES (PROS) PLAN**

Mayor Barrow recessed the regular meeting at 6:04 pm and opened a Public Hearing to allow for the purpose of considering the Adoption of the Parks, Recreation, and Open Spaces (PROS) Plan.

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**STAFF REPORT:** Provided for Council was the staff report prepared by MillieAnne VanDevender from AHBL. VanDevender reviewed the purpose and the scope of the Plan. The plan was revised, and it replaced the City of Connell 2014 Park and Recreation Comprehensive Plan with additional and updated information regarding existing conditions, future projects, and public comment. The Park and Recreation Advisory Board held a duly advertised public workshop on the proposed PROS Plan on January 7, 2020 and a duly advertised public meeting on January 28, 2020. Following the public meeting, the Board voted unanimously to recommend adoption.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**  
None heard

**COUNCILMEMBERS COMMENT PORTION OF THE HEARING:**

Councilmember Harper inquired about the Tennis Courts; they had been recently demolished; would they need to be included in the plan.

Mayor Barrow closed the hearing and opened the regular meeting at 6:15 p.m.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-02 ADOPTING THE PARKS, RECREATION, AND OPEN SPACE (PROS) PLAN**

Provided to Council was Resolution No. 2020-02 adopting the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (PROS) Plan.

**Motion:** Councilmember Barrera moved to adopt Resolution No. 2020-02 adopting the proposed Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan. Councilmember Kunkel seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC WORKS BOARD CONSTRUCTION LOAN CONTRACT**

City Administrator Maria Peña reported the Construction Loan provided was needed to fund the Country Estates sewer improvement project. The project would fix a poorly designed and failing sewer system and allow other citizens currently on septic systems to hook up to city sewer services. The total construction loan contract amount was \$1,200,000.

**Motion:** Councilmember Kunkel moved to approve the Public Works Board Construction Loan Contract in the amount of \$1,200,000. Councilmember Barrera seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Mayor Lee Barrow –

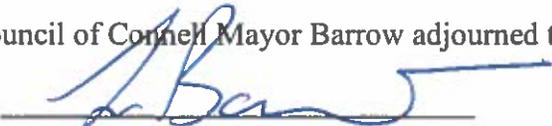
1. Along with City Administrator Maria Peña, he attended the City Action Days Conference in Olympia. The Rail Interchange Project and Esquatzel flooding issues were discussed with Senator Schoesler and Representative Schmick.

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MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business before the City Council of Connell Mayor Barrow adjourned the meeting at 6:22 pm.

ATTEST:   
Marissa Ortiz, City Clerk

  
Lee Barrow, Mayor

