

MEETING OF THE CITY OF CONNELL, WASHINGTON
CONNELL, FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON
March 2, 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: John White, Katrina Kunkel, Shelly Harper, Pat Barrera and Mayor Pro Tem Joe Escalera.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Lee Barrow read a Proclamations aloud:
Declared March 9th, 2020 as "Census Awareness Week" in the City of Connell and urged all residents to join in this special observance.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Councilmember Barrera moved to approve the consent calendar as amended:
a) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting February 18, 2020
(pg. 2; corrections under Hotel/Motel Allocations - #3, #4, #5, & #6)
b) Accounts payable 3/2/2020 for \$70,417.40
c) Payroll Register 2/15/2020-2/20/2020 for \$63,168.67
Councilmember White seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS

KYLE SULLIVAN – PRESENTATION ON HB 1406 HOUSING FUNDS

Kyle Sullivan a representative from Benton and Franklin Counties Department of Human Services presented an overview of House Bill 1406 as well as available options and a recommended path forward. The recommendations were to either not enact any legislation for HB 1406 and allow the funding to be allocated directly to the County. Or draft an Interlocal Agreement with Benton & Franklin Counties for the existing Steering Committee to include administration of 1406 funds. The Steering Committee would be responsible for reviewing applications, making funding recommendations, and ensuring that funds were distributed in a manner that provided long term geographic equity. The city would need to appoint staff or a councilmember to represent the City of Connell. He explained the information provided was intended to assist the city in evaluating options and timelines and not intended as legal advice.

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Council’s consensus was to bring this item back for further discussion and conclusion, no formal motion was required.

CENSUS PRESENTATION

Skylar Galvez, Census Education Coordinator 2020, along with City Administrator Maria Peña presented Council with an overview of the 2020 Census. They explained the importance of the results of the 2020 Census and how it would help determine how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding flow into communities year to year for the next decade. The funding would shape many different aspects of every community such as congressional representation, housing, school lunches, plans for highways, hospitals, support for firefighters, and other critical programs and services. Also noted was in 2015 there was 132 programs that used Census Bureau data to distribute over \$675 billion funds. The Census results would also affect our community every day.

2019 FINAL BUDGET PRESENTATION

City Treasurer Genesis Bernal presented the 2019 Year End Financial Report. She detailed the budgeted revenues and expenditures for each fund as well as actuals for the year.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business before the City Council of Connell Mayor Barrow adjourned the meeting at 7:22 pm.

ATTEST: 
Marissa Ortiz, City Clerk


Lee Barrow, Mayor