

MEETING OF THE CITY OF CONNELL, WASHINGTON  
CONNELL, FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
June 1, 2020

The Remote Regular meeting of the Connell City Council was called to order by Mayor Barrow at 6:00 pm in the City Hall.

ROLL CALL

ROLL CALL: (Remote) Councilmember's: John White, Katrina Kunkel, Pat Barrera, Shelly Harper, and Mayor Pro Tem Joe Escalera,

PRESENT: Mayor Lee Barrow, City Administrator Maria Peña, City Clerk Marissa Ortiz, City Treasurer Genesis Bernal, and Police Chief Chris Turner.  
(Remote) -Public Works Director Hallie Tuck, Fire Chief Ken Woffenden and City Attorney Dan Hultgrenn.

CORRESPONDENCE/PRESENTATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Lee Barrow proclaimed May 2020 as Older Americans Month.

Jake Hollopeter from Anderson Perry & Associates, Inc. awarded the scholarship achievement to graduating senior, Estevan Peña.

Mayor Barrow appointed Councilmember Shelly Harper to the Street Committee.

*Motion:* Mayor Pro Tem Escalera moved to appoint Councilmember Shelly Harper to the Street Committee. Councilmember Barrera seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- a) Minutes of the Remote Council Meeting May 4, 2020
- b) Accounts Payable 6/1/2020 for \$73,413.92
- c) Check Register 5/18/2020 for \$212,174.31
- d) Payroll Register 4/30/2020 – 5/5/2020 for \$101,784.33
- e) Payroll Register 5/15/2020-5/20/2020 for \$67,906.06

Mayor Pro Tem Escalera seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*Motion:* Councilmember White moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Escalera seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

**SURPLUS POLICE VEHICLES**

Police Chief Chris Turner requested to declare the listed two city vehicles as surplus city property:

2013 Ford Police Interceptor Sedan VIN# 1FAHP2M80DG130552

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2013 Ford Police Interceptor SUV VIN# 1FM5K8AR2DGA51228

Both Ford Interceptors had been replaced by 2020 Ford Interceptor SUV's, which had previously arrived and were no longer needed by the city.

**Motion:** Councilmember Kunkel moved to approve the vehicles as surplus city property. Mayor Pro Tem Escalera seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CONNELL INN & SUITES FACILITY RESERVATION/USE AGREEMENT

Provided for Councilmembers was a Facility Reservation/Use Agreement with Connell Inn & Suites. The agreement would guarantee the use of up to three rooms if there was a need for first responders or City personnel to quarantine away from their home. This would be a first option as opposed to the Visitor Center which was also set up to be used as an isolation/quarantine facility. The issue with the Visitor Center was the rooms were not individual but shared a common entrance, kitchen area, and bathrooms. Connell Inn & Suites would be compensated for a monthly fee of \$580 for use of three rooms during the weekday. If rooms were utilized on Saturdays or Sundays, the City would pay a daily rate of \$58 per room used. Stated under City responsibilities; laundry service would be provided, a third party would be contracted for all room cleaning and sanitation of each occupied unit in between guests and at the end of the exclusive reservation period if rooms had been utilized.

**Motion:** Mayor Pro Tem Escalera moved to approve the Facility Reservation Agreement with the City of Connell and Connell Inn & Suites. Councilmember Barrera seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

FIREWORKS REQUEST

City Administrator Maria Peña announced the parents of the Class of 2020 requested permission to have a firework show at sunset on June 5<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the graduates. Although the graduates would not have a normal ceremony they would still be celebrating and receiving their diplomas. Parents spoke to the City Fire Chief and requested that Fireworks be allowed to be displayed from City Land, located across from the Junior Livestock Building, on the west side of SR 260. Connell Municipal Code 7.24.020 provided that a permit should be obtained from the City Fire Chief to conduct an outdoor public display of fireworks.

**Motion:** Mayor Pro Tem Escalera moved to authorize the Fire Chief to approve a firework permit for June 5<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the graduating class of 2020. Councilmember Kunkel seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Peña reported a second request, a show of support from the City of \$1,000 to help with funds to put on the fireworks show. The show selection was in the amount of \$3,000. Parents had raised funds and raised approximately \$1,500. They asked for Council's consideration for this request considering that this was a unique circumstance since the graduates would not be able to have their normal ceremony and celebrations.

**Motion:** Councilmember Barrera moved to approve Councils show of support for the Class of 2020 with an expenditure of \$1,000 out of Special Council Projects. Mayor Pro Tem Escalera seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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FCS WATER SEWER STUDY – CONTRACT AMENDMENT

City Treasurer Genesis Bernal presented Council with a contract amendment change order from Financial Consulting Solutions Group, Inc. (FCS Group) had submitted a change order request which amended the current contract cost from \$31,110.00 not to exceed \$46,110.00 for their services related to the ongoing water sewer rate study. The current change order was an increase of \$15,000.00 to account for additional work performed in evaluating the farm property, developing a cost allocation for the farm property, additional time spent doing customer data analysis, a second round of work on the financial plan, and tasks that still needed to be completed.

**Motion:** Mayor Pro Tem Escalera moved for Council to authorize the contract amendment not to exceed \$46,110.00 for services performed and yet to be completed by Financial Consulting Solutions Group, Inc. Councilmember White seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

WASHINGTON STATE DEPT OF COMMERCE GRANT FUNDING

Provided for Council was an Interagency Agreement for Cononavirus Relief Funds for Local Governments. Under the CARES Act, the City would receive \$165,000 on a reimbursement basis. The funds would need to be used to cover costs necessary that were incurred due to the public health emergency due to COVID-19. The criteria would need to be met for an eligible expense.

**Motion:** Mayor Pro Tem Escalera moved to approve the Council to authorize the Mayor to execute the contract to receive grant funds in the total amount of \$165,000 for costs incurred due to the public health emergency of COVID-19 during the period of March 1, 2020 thru October 31, 2020. Councilmember Kunkel seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Public Works Director Hallie Tuck –

1. Reported the Street Committee would need to meet for the year to review the Six Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) 2021-2026.
2. Gave an update on opening the swimming pool for the season.

City Clerk Marissa Ortiz –

1. Encouraged all Councilmembers to register for the Online AWC Annual Conference to be held during the week of June 23-26, 2020.

City Administrator Maria Peña –

1. Shared details on the Graduation Parade & Ceremony events to take place Friday, June 5, 2020.

City Attorney Dan Hultgrenn –

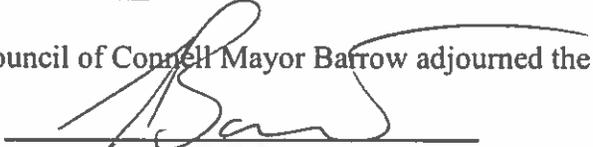
1. Informed Council the settlement agreement between ParConCo & Riddell Development was now closed.

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MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business before the City Council of Connell Mayor Barrow adjourned the meeting at 7:08 pm.

ATTEST:   
Marissa Ortiz, City Clerk

  
Lee Barrow, Mayor