

MEETING OF THE CITY OF CONNELL, WASHINGTON
CONNELL, FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON
August 17, 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: Mayor Pro Tem Joe Escalera, John White, Pat Barrera, Shelly Harper, and Katrina Kunkel.

PRESENT: Mayor Lee Barrow, City Administrator Maria Peña,
(Remote) -Public Works Director Hallie Tuck, Fire Chief Ken Woffenden and City Attorney Dan Hultgrenn.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Councilmember Harper moved to approve the consent calendar as amended:

a) Accounts Payable 8/17/2020 for \$79,543.66
(amended total \$79,756.74)

b) Payroll Register 7/31/2020-8/05/2020 for \$104,292.91

Councilmember Barrera 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

PUBLIC HEARING – TELECOMMUNICATIONS FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

Mayor Barrow recessed the regular meeting at 6:03 pm and opened a Public Hearing to allow for the purpose of considering granting a telecommunications franchise agreement to Blue mountain Networks, LLC.

STAFF REPORT: City Administrator Maria Peña reported Joseph Franell, on behalf of Blue Mountain Networks, LLC – an entity that included Eastern Oregon Telecom (EOT) and Gorge Networks (GN), had applied for a telecommunications franchise with the City of Connell. The applicant provided all the required information and based upon the standards set per CMC 12.28.030 the city recommended city council to approve the Franchise Agreement.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None heard

COUNCILMEMBERS COMMENT PORTION OF THE HEARING:

Mayor Pro Tem Escalera questioned how this network compared to the current network in the city.

Mayor Barrow closed the hearing and opened the regular meeting at 6:27 p.m.

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Motion: Councilmember Barrera moved to accept the written materials of record as provided by the City Administrator, and grant approval to the Franchise Agreement between Blue Mountain Networks, LLC and the City of Connell WA based on the analysis contained in staff’s report. Councilmember Kunkel seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 1009-2020 – TELECOMMUNICATIONS FRANCHISE AGREEMENT
Provided for Council was an ordinance granting a telecommunications franchise to Blue Mountain Networks, LLC. Joseph Franell of Blue Mountain Networks was in attendance to answer any questions concerning the franchise agreement.

Motion: Councilmember Kunkel moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1009-2020 providing for a telecommunications Franchise Agreement with Blue Mountain Networks, LLC. Councilmember White seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

EXTENSION OF FACILITY RESERVATION/USE AGREEMENT WITH VALIANT
HOTELS (CONNELL INN AND SUITES)

In June City Council approved a facility reservation use agreement to reserve rooms to be used for staff and first responders if there was a need for someone to quarantine away from their home. The agreement provided for a monthly fee of \$580 for use of three rooms during the weekday. There was an extra fee of \$58 per day per room for use during Saturday and Sunday. It also stipulated that the City would provide for laundry service and professional cleaning of the rooms between users if used. The Visitor Center had been set up as an emergency isolation/quarantine facility as well, but the Port of Pasco was ready to move on the remodel of the building in the following weeks. The current agreement had expired at the end of August, City Administrator Peña requested an extension to the contract. City Council agreed to extend until December 31, 2020.

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Escalera moved to authorize the Mayor to sign an addendum to extend the Facility Reservation/Use Agreement until December 31, 2020. Councilmember Kunkel seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

SURPLUS 2009 FORD CROWN VICTORIA POLICE INTERCEPTOR

Police Chief Chris Turner requested to declare a 2009 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor Sedan VIN# 2FAHP71V69X129303 as surplus city property. This 2009 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor was no longer needed by the city and had been replaced by a 2020 Ford F150 Police Responder, which had already arrived.

Motion: Councilmember Barrera moved to approve the 2009 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor Sedan as surplus city property. Councilmember Harper seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

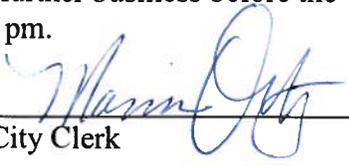
City Administrator Maria Peña –

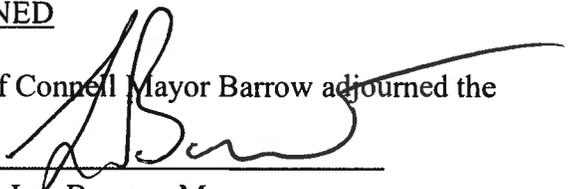
1. Announced the Connell Swimming Pool was open, lap swim was offered by appointment only.
2. Encouraged all who were interested in scheduling a lap swim to do so by going on to the city website.

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MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business before the City Council of Connell Mayor Barrow adjourned the meeting at 6:51 pm.

ATTEST: 
Marissa Ortiz, City Clerk



Lee Barrow, Mayor