

MEETING OF THE CITY OF CONNELL, WASHINGTON  
CONNELL, FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

December 15, 2015

The Special Council Meeting, of the Connell City Council was called to order by Mayor Blackwell at 6:00 pm in the City Hall.

ROLL CALL

- PRESENT: Mayor Bruce Blackwell, Mayor Pro Tem Huber, and Councilmember's: Rhonda Quinton, Kathie Silva, and Ray Minor.
- ESCUSED: Mayor Pro Tem Huber moved to excuse Councilmember Escalera. Councilmember Minor seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- STAFF: City Administrator Jed Crowther, Police Chief Chris Turner, Public Works Director Larry Turner, Fire Chief Chris Schulte, Accounting Clerk Marissa Canales, Accounting Clerk Jeri Reinauer, Public Works Supervisor Ed Brown, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Rose Courneya and Clerk/Treasurer Maria Peña.
- VISITOR: Kathy Bingham, Franklin County Graphic; Citizens: Laurie Mandler, Manny Choi, Ron Lawler, Able Peña , Estevan Peña , John Lindner, Regina Grassl, and Helen Tobin

2016 Budget Discussion

City Administrator gave Councilmember's an Overview of the Budget Process. Mr. Crowther asked each Councilmember to speak their thoughts on the 2016 Budget.

Councilmember's held discussion and asked city staff questions about 2016 Proposed Budget.

The Following was heard:

- Thanked staff for all their work on the 2016 Budget
- Wanted to adopt a balanced budget
- YMCA was contacted to help with pool (More information to come)
- Current condition of pool needed to be addressed
- Confident that everything had been done at this point to save the pool
- Don't want to see the pool closed –maybe donations or Fund Raisers could help
- Park & Recreation Director Position for 2016-Remove from 2016 Budget
- New Public Works Employee-Does positions have to be filled-Could salary allocations be changed?
- Could sale of Pharmacy building be set aside for pool?
- Could \$ 59,000 from levy be set aside for pool expenses only?
- Was there possibly any other revenues that could come into the General Fund?
- What was the 10,000 for phones-Comes out of reserve account
- Why was new police car back in the General Fund Expenditures? Public safety tax paying for car.
- Revenues maybe going down in the General Fund due to less taxes city receiving from state

- Would like the balanced budget passed without the pool but 2016 Budget could be amended if fund become available for pool.
- Councilmember to get update on pool information 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of January.
- If Budget not adopted by December 31,2016-City will shut down
- 2016 Budget will be presented at the December 21, 2016 for Councilmember to adoption.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Mayor Blackwell adjourned the Special meeting at 7:10 pm.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rose Courneya, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Bruce Blackwell, Mayor