

City of Connell, Town Hall Meeting, August 10, 2015

Attendance: Mayor Blackwell, Sharon Sellereite, Mary Hall, Camelia Henry, Katherine Bingham, Jed Crowther.

Opened at 6 p.m.

Discussion Items:

1. Availability of Irrigation Water for Planter Flower Pots

- Nearby connection?
- Potential vandalism?
- Covered valve with key?
- Liquid water tank in a pickup?
- Shopkeeper responsibility?

2. Juniper Landscaping at Community Center

- Removal needed for corner safety visibility.
- Trim vs Removal? Citizens asked for selective trimming rather than total removal, mid-block area. Their reasoning was that replacement with new plantings, even if drought-tolerant, would require supplemental irrigation and nurturing for at least 1 year, adding to cost. Limited resources available from aging members of the garden club.
- Arborist expertise; Garth Davis, Department of Natural Resources, Mrs. Lynden, Tree-City USA.
- Native dryland plantings; purple sage, rabbit brush.

3. Handicapped Access at City Hall

- High curb near front door, ADA some distance away.
- Potential improvement possible with upcoming ADA work for Columbia Avenue project.

4. Slow Growth and Diminished Retail

5. Railroad Crossing Safety by Pedestrians

- Youth crossing between trains
- Education at schools available by BNSF

6. Delinquency – Tagging, Graffiti, Late Hours, Gangs, Drugs, Destruction of Property

- Monitor Pioneer Park and Curfew
- Strengthen home and family
- Boys & Girls Club
- Parks & Recreation crafts and activities

Closed at 7:15 p.m.