

MEETING OF THE CITY OF CONNELL, WASHINGTON  
CONNELL, FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
August 1, 2012

The Regular council meeting of the Connell City Council was called to order by Mayor Walton at 6:01 pm in the City Hall and was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

**PRESENT:** Mayor Gary Walton, Mayor Pro Tem Pruett and Councilmembers: Lee Barrow, Jared Broberg, Jim Klindworth, and Rhonda Quinton.

**STAFF:** Attorney Dan Hultgren, City Administrator Steve Taylor, Public Works Director Larry Turner, Police Chief Mike Kessler, Fire Chief Chris Schulte, and City Clerk/Treasurer Maria Peña.

**VISITORS:** Kathy Bingham, Franklin County Graphic; Adam Schmidtgall & Jake Hollopeter, Anderson Perry.

CONSENT CALENDAR

**Motion:** Councilmember Barrow moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented:

- a) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting July 16, 2012
- b) Check Register 7/3/2012 for \$212.24
- c) Check Register 7/17/2012 for \$317,589.27
- d) Accounts Payable for \$ 314,501.83
- e) Payroll Check Register 7/15-7/20/2012 for \$65,474.71

Councilmember Quinton seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Motion:** Councilmember Quinton moved to approve the Agenda as listed.  
Mayor Pro Tem Pruett seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**KLINDWORTH/CAMPBELL PROJECT PHASE 2 BID AWARD**

Five bids were received for Phase 2 of the Klindworth & Campbell Water Project. Sharpe & Preszler Construction was the lowest bidder at \$343,642.23 and they had complied with all bidding requirements. Phase 2 of the Klindworth & Campbell Water project was scheduled to start around September 18, 2012.

**Motion:** Councilmember Klindworth moved to award Phase 2 of the Klindworth & Campbell Neighborhood Water Efficiency Project to the lowest responsible bidder, Sharpe & Preszler Construction, in the amount of \$343,642.23 and authorize the Mayor, or his designee, to execute any contracts and agreements associated with the bid award. Councilmember Broberg seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**KLINDWORTH/CAMPBELL WATER EFFICIENCY PROJECT CHANGE ORDER**

Change Order No. 1 for the Klindworth/Campbell Project Phase 1 was presented to Councilmembers for approval. The total cost of the Change Order including sales tax was \$45,555.48 bringing the updated contract total to \$1,249,833.78. The Change

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Order included approximately \$2,800 for the addition of Storz hose adapters to fire hydrants in Phase 1 to improve fire suppression capabilities in the area.

**Motion:** Councilmember Barrow moved to approve Change Order No. 1 to the Klindworth/Campbell Water Efficiency Project Agreement with POW Contracting, Inc. and increase the contract amount to \$1,249,833.78. Mayor Pro Tem Pruett seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**SEWER FORCE MAIN REMEDIATION PROJECT CHANGE ORDER**

Anderson Perry presented Change Order No. 1 to the agreement with Culbert Construction for the Sewer Force Main Project. Two unexpected items related to underground utilities located in the project area were encountered. The total for the Change Order including sales tax was \$12,633.06. Total cost of the Sewer Force Main Remediation project was \$186,676.74.

**Motion:** Councilmember Quinton moved to approve Change Order No. 1 to the Sewer Force Main Remediation Project agreement with Culbert Construction and increase the contract amount to \$186,676.74. Councilmember Barrow seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS PAY ESTIMATES**

- 1) Application for Payment No. 2 Klindworth/Campbell Project – POW Contracting, Inc. \$133,747.61
- 2) Application for Payment No. 1 West Adams/CIA Access Road Project – POW Contracting, Inc. \$35,344.75
- 3) Application for Payment No. 2 Sewer Force Main Remediation Project – Culbert Construction \$119,778.42
- 4) Application for Payment No. 1 East Date Street Sidewalk Project – Allstar Construction \$3,846.90

Anderson Perry and staff provided updates on current city construction projects. Councilmembers would like to know the Pros and Cons on road fill. Discussion was held.

**PUBLIC WORKS BOARD DIRECT APPROPRIATIONS GRANT CONTRACT-  
KLINDWORTH/CAMPBELL**

City Administrator Taylor stated the state legislature in 2012 approved a direct appropriation grant of \$540,000 to the City of Connell for the Klindworth/Campbell Water Efficiency Project. There was a 3% administration fee charged by the Washington State Department of Commerce Public Works Board. The Public Works Board provided the City with a contract agreement in the amount of \$523,800.00 for Council approval and for the Mayor to sign.

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**Motion:** Councilmember Quinton moved to approve the Department of Commerce Direct Appropriations Contract No. 13-96702-001 in the amount of \$523,800.00 and authorize the Mayor or his designee to execute all documents relating to the agreement. Councilmember Barrow seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**CONNELL PERSONNEL POLICY AMENDMENTS**

Staff presented proposed amendments to the City's Personnel Policy to the City Councilmembers at two prior council meetings. Councilmember Quinton had concerns with removing Section 7 from the personnel policy. City Administrator Taylor and the City Attorney Dan Hultgrenn addressed Councilmember Quinton concerns.

**Motion:** Councilmember Klindworth moved to approve Resolution No. 2012-10 adopting changes to the Connell Personnel Policy. Mayor Pro Tem Pruett seconded motion. Councilmember Quinton voted against motion. Motion carried with a four to one vote.

**2012 HOTEL/MOTEL TAX ALLOCATIONS (2<sup>ND</sup> Round)**

The Council previously authorized a second round of Hotel/Motel Tax funding for 2012 not to exceed \$5,000. The City received three applications totaling \$5,634 in requests. The Hotel/Motel Tax Committee met on July 24, 2012 and considered the applications. The attached report details the committee's recommendations: Connell Fall Festival - \$1,784.00, Connell Community Club - \$850.00, and Winterfest (Connell Downtown Development Association) - \$1,000. The Winterfest allocation was authorized for marketing events associated with Sweet Saturday during the festival.

**Motion:** Mayor Pro Tem Pruett moved to approve Hotel/Motel Tax funding for the following entities: Connell Fall Festival-\$1,784.00; Connell Community Club-\$850.00; Winterfest-Connell Downtown Development Association for the specific promotion of Sweet Saturday events-\$1,000. Councilmember Barrow seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**STAFF REPORTS**

Fire Chief Schulte stated L & I would be in to inspect the fire department. The first review of applicants for the city administrator position had closed and the review process was taking place. Mr. Taylor expressed appreciation for his time at the City of Connell.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

There being no further business before the City Council of Connell, Mayor Walton adjourned the meeting at 7:07 pm.

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

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Gary Walton, Mayor