

MEETING OF THE CITY OF CONNELL, WASHINGTON
CONNELL, FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON
September 5, 2012

The Regular council meeting of the Connell City Council was called to order by Mayor Walton at 6:00 pm in the City Hall and was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

Motion: Councilmember Barrow moved not to excuse Mayor Pro Mayor Tem Monica Pruett. Councilmember Broberg seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

STAFF: Attorney Dan Hultgrenn, Public Works Director Larry Turner, Police Chief Mike Kessler, and City Clerk/Treasurer Maria Peña.

VISITORS: Kathy Bingham, Franklin County Graphic; Alan Schroeder, Anderson Perry.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Connell Mid Columbia Library would be hosting an unveiling ceremony September 6, 2012 at 7:00 pm.

Mayor Walton received Liquor License Renewals from the Washington State Liquor Control Board for Lep Re Kon Marts, Inc and Town & Country Lanes.

APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Walton removed Councilmember Pruett from the Finance Committee and appointed Councilmember Quinton to the Finance Committee.

Motion: Councilmember Barrow moved to appoint Councilmember Quinton as the Mayor Pro Tem. Councilmember Broberg seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Councilmember Quinton moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented:

- a) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting August 1, 2012
- b) Check Register 8/1/2012 for \$203.84
- c) Check Register 8/13/2012 for \$5,093.09
- d) Check Register 8/20/2012 for \$150,066.09
- e) Payroll Register 7/31-8/5/2012 for \$74,659.61
- f) Payroll Register 8/15/2012 for \$53,130.56
- g) Accounts Payable 9/5/2012 for \$39,411.25

Councilmember Barrow seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Klindworth inquired about the advertising expense for the Fall Festival at the movie theaters.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmember Klindworth wanted to know who the large group was volunteering in town.

Councilmember Barrow inquired about signage in town.

Mayor Walton spoke about Fall Festival.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Councilmember Klindworth moved to approve the Agenda as changed.
12) Railroad property discussion.
Councilmember Quinton seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

KLINDWORTH/CAMPBELL WATER EFFICIENCY PROJECT

All water mains and hydrants were in and crews were working on installing service lines. Application No. 3 and Change Order No. 2 were being presented to Councilmembers for approval.

Motion: Councilmember Quinton moved to approve Application No. 3 and Change Order No. 2 to POW Contracting, Inc in the amounts of \$271,102.28 and \$10,221.98.
Councilmember Barrow seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

EAST DATE STREET SIDEWALK-APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT NO.2

Alan from Anderson Perry stated project was almost complete. Application No.2 was being presented to Councilmembers for payment.

Motion: Councilmember Quinton moved to approve Application No. 2 to Allstar Construction, in the amount of \$42,087.67. Councilmember Broberg seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

WEST ADAMS STREET RECONSTRUCTION AND CIA ACCESS ROAD

The West Adams Street Project was on time and on budget. Change Order No. 1 was to perform work in front of City Hall. Application No. 2 and Change Order No. 1 were being presented to Councilmembers for approval.

Motion: Councilmember Broberg moved to approve Application No. 2 and Change Order No. 1 to POW Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$246,312.10 and \$9,196.27.
Councilmember Klindworth seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR DISCUSSION

The City had three finalists for the open City Administrator position. Background checks were being done. A date for interviewing and a public forum would be set up.

RAILROAD PROPERTY-ABANDONED PROPERTY ON MILLER ROAD

The City had received a letter from Jones Lang, LaSalle asking if the City was interested in purchasing a right of way along Miller Road. BNSF Railroad abandoned the right of way which was located next to city owned property. Council

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held discussion. Consensus was to let City's legal Counsel work with the BNSF Railroad to get further details.

STAFF REPORTS

Councilmember Klindworth asked if the City was interested in the bank building that was going up for auction. A Real Estate Committee meeting would be set up to discuss purchasing the building.

Councilmember Broberg was appointed to the Real Estate Committee.

MEETING ADJOURNED

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

ATTEST: _____
Rose Courneya, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

Gary Walton, Mayor