

MEETING OF THE CITY OF CONNELL, WASHINGTON
CONNELL, FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON
October 1, 2018

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Connell City Council was called to order by Mayor Barrow at 6:00 pm in the City Hall and was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Lee Barrow and Councilmember's: Mayor Pro Tem Ray Minor, John White, Patricia Barrera and Joe Escalera.

EXCUSED: Councilmember Barrera moved to excuse Councilmember Kathie Silva. Mayor Pro Tem Minor seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

STAFF: City Administrator Maria Peña, Deputy City Clerk Marissa Ortiz, Police Chief Chris Turner, Fire Chief Chris Schulte and City Attorney Dan Hultgrenn.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Lee Barrow announced the Community Candidate Meet & Greet night, was held on Tuesday, October 2nd, 2018 at the Connell Community Center.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Minor moved to approve the consent calendar as presented:

- a) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting September 17, 2018
- b) Accounts payable 10/1/18 for \$107,287.24
- c) Payroll Register 9/15/18 – 9/20/18 for \$64,250.69

Councilmember Escalera seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Minor moved to approve the agenda as presented. Councilmember White seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

BUSINESS LICENSE CODE UPDATE – ORDINANCE NO. 993-2018

Provided for Council was Ordinance No. 993-2018 adopting model language and threshold standards required by Chapter 35.90.080 RCW. The purpose of this ordinance amendment was to implement changes required from the passing of Engrossed House Bill 2005, which required any city with a general business license to partner with the State of Washington Department of Revenue Business Licensing Service (BLS). It also required cities to develop and implement a model licensing ordinance that included a minimum income threshold requiring a business to be licensed. The City of Connell already administered business licenses through the State business licensing system, therefore the only changes required was regarding the threshold for out of city businesses and updates to definitions by October 17, 2018.

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Motion: Councilmember Escalera moved to approve Ordinance 993-2018 amending CMC Business License Tax sections 5.04.30 & 5.04.110. Mayor Pro Tem Minor seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

FUTURE S. ALMIRA AVE. – QUIT CLAIM DEED

Provided for Council was a Quit Claim Deed to convey all rights, title, and interest for a portion of Lot 1, Short Plat No. 90-04 indentified as future South Almira Ave as shown on Short Plat No. 90-04. In July 2018 staff was approached in regards to the easements shown on Short Plat No. 90-04 by a representative of the Connell North Franklin Development Association. The Development Association was interested in selling parcel no. 109851181 and inquired about the alley and the future street. The Development Association was in agreement to keep the alley in place but wished to remove the dedication of the future South Almira Ave. City staff contacted Franklin County who advised that the alley was dedicated per Short Plat 90-04 and provided that to remove the future street dedication the City would need to go through the process of vacating. After further review with counsel it was determined the future S. Almira Ave as identified on Short Plat No. 90-04 was an easement and not a street dedication and that the correct process to eliminate the easement was by quit claim deed.

Motion: Councilmember White moved to approve the quit claim deed for the portion of future S. Almira Ave shown on parcel no.109851181 as shown on Short Plat 90-04. Mayor Pro Tem Minor seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

2019 FISCAL YEAR PRELIMINARY BUDGET

The 2019 FY Preliminary budget was provided to Council. City Administrator Maria Peña stated projections continued to be updated as new information pertaining to the revenues and expenditures were received. Staff reviewed expenditures to date and made projections for the coming year based on historic data and suggestions by AWC and MRSC on upcoming issues that could affect city budgets. Staff would take direction from City Council to finalize the budget and prepare it for adoption. Once adopted by the Council the budget established the direction for all City government programs and services for the coming year.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

CITY ADMINISTATOR – Maria Peña

1. Appreciated the time and effort that Deputy Treasurer Genesis Bernal put into an audit for payroll records for the time period of October 1, 2011 through June 30, 2018.

CITY COUNCIL CLOSING REMARKS

Councilmember Barrera – Gave thanks to Deputy Treasurer Genesis Bernal for her work on a recent audit for payroll records.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business before the City Council of Connell Mayor Barrow adjourned the meeting at 7:16 pm.

ATTEST: _____
Marissa Ortiz, Deputy City Clerk

Lee Barrow, Mayor