

MEETING OF THE CITY OF CONNELL, WASHINGTON
CONNELL, FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON
October 16, 2017

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

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Bruce Blackwell and Councilmembers: Mayor Pro Tem Monty Huber, Ray Minor, Kathy Silva, Rhonda Quinton and Joe Escalera.

STAFF: City Administrator Maria Peña, City Clerk/Treasurer Rose Courneya, Accounting Clerk Marissa Ortiz, Public Works Director Larry Turner, Chief of Police Chris Turner and City Attorney Dan Hultgrenn.

VISITORS: Connell Heritage Museum; Shelly Hervey, Franklin County Graphic; Katherine Trowbridge and Citizen; Pat Barrera.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Bruce Blackwell presented correspondence, a thank you letter from the 2017 Connell Fall Festival Committee. They extended their sincere thanks and appreciation for the City's role in making the 2017 Connell Fall Festival a success.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Councilmember Silva moved to approve the consent calendar with corrections:

- a) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting September 18, 2017:
(Councilmember Quinton abstained vote was placed in wrong place).
- b) Accounts payable October 16, 2017 for \$109,662.93
- c) Check Register 10/2/17 for \$196.42
- d) Payroll Register 9/30/17-10/5/17 for \$98,974.28

Councilmember Minor seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Councilmember Quinton moved to approve the agenda as presented. Councilmember Escalera seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

PURCHASE AND SELL AGREEMENT WITH MUSEUM

City Administrator Maria Peña notified Council that attached for their review was the Agreement to Purchase and Sell Real Estate for the land at Heritage Park that the Museum was interested in purchasing. City staff vacated the alley that needed vacated and surplus the property with Council's authorization. Once the property closed the City would complete a boundary line adjustment as outlined in the map provided.

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Motion: Councilmember Quinton moved to approve the Purchase and Sell Agreement with the Connell Heritage Museum in the amount of \$1,500. Councilmember Escalera seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING-2018 FISCAL YEAR PRELIMINARY BUDGET DISCUSSION

Mayor Blackwell recessed the regular meeting at 6:06 pm and opened a Public Hearing to allow for comment from the public in regards to 2018 fiscal year preliminary budget discussion.

STAFF REPORT: City Clerk/Treasurer Rose Courneya presented Councilmembers with the preliminary budget for fiscal year 2018. She reiterated that at the October 2nd Council meeting; Councilmembers established a property tax increase of 1%, Staff positions and a salary schedule included a 2% cola for all staff and a 3% increase was approved for water and sewer rates for the 2018 preliminary budget. City Clerk/Treasurer Courneya then gave a brief summarized explanation of revenue sources for the 2018 Preliminary Budget. She presented the 2017 budget position year end totals as of the end of September.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

COUNCILMEMBERS COMMENT PORTION OF THE HEARING:

Councilmember Silva questioned the Street Fund, why it had increased.

Councilmember Escalera asked about the pool budget and also about the jail if they planned to increase the price.

Mayor Blackwell spoke about the streets; the figures were based on pending City grants.

Mayor Blackwell closed the hearing and opened the regular meeting at 6:21 pm.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-20 STIP AMENDMENT

Public Works Director Larry Turner addressed Council with Resolution No. 2017-20, an amendment to the six year transportation improvement plan (STIP) to include the Connell Rail Interchange.

Motion: Councilmember Silva moved to approve Resolution No. 2017-20 and amend the STIP to add the Connell Rail Interchange to the STIP. Councilmember Minor seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

BID AWARD FOR FRANKLIN STREET WATER LINE PROJECT

Public Works Director Larry Turner stated that on Wednesday October 11, 2017 at 2pm the City of Connell held a bid opening for the Franklin Street water line project. Attached for Council were the bid tabulation results of the seven total bidders ranging from \$437,616.00 to the lowest bid of \$186,798.96 The winning bid was awarded to Sharpe & Preszler Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$186,798.96 roughly \$70,000 under the engineer estimate cost. The engineer total estimate bid was \$252,882.00. The project was set to begin no later than the end of October and be completed before the Thanksgiving Holiday.

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Motion: Councilmember Silva moved to approve the Franklin Street Water Line Replacement BID award to Sharp & Preszler Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$186,798.96. Councilmember Minor seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE / DEPARTMENT REPORTS

CITY ADMINISTRATOR-Maria Peña

1. Presented a report on Proposition 1 a ballot measure to be placed on the November 2017 Ballot which was published in the Graphic and was available at the City office and City website.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR-Larry Turner

1. Reported the Public Works Department was busy getting ready for winter.

POLICE CHIEF- Chris Turner

1. Updated Council on a car accident that occurred on Columbia Avenue involving a City Police Officer.

CITY COUNCIL CLOSING REMARKS

Councilmember Minor - Commended officer Quinton for a job well done directing traffic at the time of the accident.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business before the City Council of Connell Mayor Blackwell adjourned the meeting at 6:37 pm.

ATTEST: _____
Marissa Ortiz, Accounting Clerk

Bruce Blackwell, Mayor