

MEETING OF THE CITY OF CONNELL, WASHINGTON  
CONNELL, FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
November 20, 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, Public Works Director Larry Turner, Chief Police Chris Turner, Fire Chief Chris Schulte and City Attorney Dan Hultgrenn.

**VISITORS:** Franklin County Graphic; Katherine Trowbridge. Great Northern Corridor Coalition; Curtis Shuck. Citizens; John White, John Linder & Regina Grassl.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Bruce Blackwell presented correspondence:

A letter was received from the AWC Center for Quality Communities. They were recruiting young leaders from the community for the 2018 Scholarship Program. Deadline for nominations would be March 9, 2018.

The Franklin County Planning & Building Department sent notice of a Special Meeting for a Comprehensive Plan Update Workshop.

PARK & RECREATION BOARD APPOINTMENTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>
Sarah Gallo	11/20/2017-5/31/2019
Betsy Aleman	11/20/2017-5/31/2019
Julie Brown	11/20/2017-5/31/2021

**Motion:** Councilmember Quinton moved to approve the appointments as presented. Councilmember Escalera seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT CALENDAR

**Motion:** Councilmember Minor moved to approve the consent calendar as listed:

- a) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting November 6, 2017
- b) Accounts payable November 20, 2017 for \$115,306.31
- c) Payroll Register 11/15/17-11/20/17 for \$60,087.64

Mayor Pro Tem Huber seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS

GREAT NORTHERN CORRIDOR COALITION-CURTIS SHUCK

Curtis Shuck, Executive Director for the Great Northern Corridor Coalition (GNCC) was present and provided information in regards to the role of the GNCC in our Connell Rail Interchange project. He highlighted the value of the GNCC; an Economic Engine that influences 38 million Americans in 162 counties. It runs through eight North Central and Pacific North West states and helps to deliver essential products throughout the world. The GNCC would play an active role throughout the Rail Interchange project.

BODY CAMERA PRESENTATION-POLICE CHIEF CHRIS TURNER

Police Chief Chris Turner provided a presentation on body worn cameras that the Connell Police Officers would be wearing. He mentioned the department was currently demonstrating a Motorola body camera and mic radio combo with digital storage for evidence. He explained that in 2014 a presidential task force was put together due to all the events that had occurred in the United States. Recommendations were made which lead police departments to adopt programs for the use of body worn cameras. After conducting a study, findings revealed that with body cameras there were 87.5% fewer incidents use of force and 59% fewer complaints. Overall results showed positive outcomes and a higher self-awareness when the cameras were present. He stated the body cameras would come with a redaction feature and cloud services for the Public Records Act Policy. Police Chief Turner ended the presentation with a couple examples on how the cameras could clarify a situation.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-21-PERSONNEL POLICY UPDATE

Attached for Council to review was Resolution No. 2017-21 amending the Personnel Policy. Also attached was the policy for Council to revise with the spelling corrections as noted by Councilmember Minor.

**Motion:** Councilmember Silva moved to approve Resolution No. 2017-21 amending the City of Connell Personnel Policy. Councilmember Minor seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR-Larry Turner

1. Previously the Public Works Department applied to the Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) for three grants and two were awarded.
2. In 2019 Birch Street would be redone and a sidewalk would be put in from Hwy 260 to the Columbia Basin Health Association Clinic building.

FIRE CHIEF-Chris Schulte

1. Reported the City was in compliance with NIMS requirements.

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2. Conducted three tours of the Fire Hall Building with elementary students and hosted adopt a family sign up program.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business before the City Council of Connell Mayor Blackwell adjourned the meeting at 7:19 pm.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marissa Ortiz, Accounting Clerk

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Bruce Blackwell, Mayor