

MEETING OF THE CITY OF CONNELL, WASHINGTON
CONNELL, FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

December 19, 2016

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, Mayor Pro Tem Monty Huber, and Councilmember's: Ray Minor, Katherine Silva, Rhonda Quinton, and Joe Escalera.

STAFF: City Administrator Maria Peña, Public Works Director Larry Turner, Accounting Clerk Marissa Canales, Fire Chief Chris Schulte, Police Chief Chris Turner, and Attorney Dan Hultgrenn.

VISITORS: Franklin County Graphic; Katherine Bingham Trowbridge, Franklin PUD; Ben Hooper and Lori Combs. Citizens; Manny Choi, John Linder and Pat Barrera.

CORRESPONDENCE/PRESENTATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Blackwell reported that the City had received a letter of resignation from Darrell Ferguson a member of the Planning Commission Committee. He also announced the reappointment of John White to the Mosquito Board for another term.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Councilmember Silva moved to approve the Consent Calendar as listed:

- a) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting December 5, 2016
- b) Accounts Payable December 19, 2016 for \$80,421.60

Councilmember Quinton seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS

FRANKLIN PUD-BROADBAND PRESENTATION-BEN HOOPER

Ben Hooper, Broadband Services Manager for Franklin PUD, was in attendance to discuss the following:

1. Broadband-What, where are the City's needs:
 - Missed commercial opportunities
 - Potential new commercial opportunities
 - Residential service

Mr. Hooper provided a map to Council, which showed the Franklin PUD fiber within the City of Connell.

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2. How did Franklin PUD's wholesale broadband work:
 - An RCW prevented Franklin PUD from being a reseller
 - PUD broadband aid to construction process

Mr. Hooper gave a summary on the process and cost. He noted that Franklin PUD broadband would contribute towards the overall construction cost for a fiber project. This amount was determined by a formula that was based on the cost of construction, monthly re-occurring charge and the term of the project. Any dollars that remained would be a non-re-occurring charge (one time charge) to the customer.

3. Wireless
 - Would additional wireless deployments be sufficient for residential use?
 - Possible locations for additional locations for additional wireless sites
4. Fiber deployment
 - Potential for deploying Fiber to the home/business in Connell
 - Only augment fiber to address business concerns

Franklin Co PUD would be willing to work with the City and broadband companies to bring better internet services to the community. Mr. Hooper stated the first step would be to know where the concentrations are, areas where residents wanted these services. Mayor Blackwell stated anyone interested to contact him at City Hall.

LETTER OF INTENT-FRANKLIN COUNTY PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT

City Administrator Maria Peña informed Council that the Hospital District was seeking to expand their facilities. She provided a letter of intent from the Franklin County Hospital District for the purchase of City property. They were looking to acquire the parcel across from them, adjacent to land owned by the City. They were currently working with CenturyLink to acquire that parcel. They were also looking to acquire a triangle of approximately .10 acres of the parcel that the Fire Hall sat on. To have the Hospital District expand their facility would be a benefit to the City. Although the letter of intent would not be legally binding, it would assist the Hospital District in acquiring the land from CenturyLink.

Motion: Councilmember Silva moved to authorize the City Administrator to sign the letter of Intent for Franklin County Public Hospital District No. 1. Councilmember Quinton seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 972-2016 ADOPTION OF 2017 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

The City's 2017 Final Budget was presented to Councilmembers for consideration and adoption. The Council held the required number and types of public hearings related to the budget, and adopted an employee salary resolution and property tax levy ordinance for 2017. 2017 budget changes from the last time the 2017 budget was presented to the Council for review were the following items:

1. Created a 404 Water Emergency Fund – per Ordinance adopted by Council.
2. Added the GIS mapping expense to the water, sewer, and general fund per Council consensus.

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3. Increased wages for the swimming pool – due to an increase in minimum wages for Washington State.
4. Increased Jail fees of \$20,000 for the Police Department – due to a new contract with Franklin County.
5. Included a grant for the Fire Department for equipment.
6. Increased expenditures for Engineering per City Administrator Peña.
7. Included \$2,500 to the General Fund for fireworks.

Councilmember's held discussion and asked City staff questions about the 2017 budget.

Motion: Councilmember Quinton moved to approve Ordinance No. 972-2016 adopting the 2017 Fiscal Year Budget for the City of Connell for a total amount of \$15,152,745.00. Councilmember Escalera seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 974-2016 AMENDING TITLE 2.16 TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

In January of this year Council adopted Ordinance No. 963-2016 and established a Tree Advisory Board and standards for trees. Ken Sellereite had been working with Public Works Director Larry Turner and City Staff to have the City receive the Tree City U.S. designation. In September, the Tree City USA application was submitted which brought the City closer to achieve that designation. After the application was reviewed the Arbor Day Foundation requested that City staff add language to the code delegating someone the responsibility and authority over tree care. Since this was a task that was carried out by Public Works staff, City Administrator Peña believed that it would be in the City's best interest to delegate that authority to the Public Works Director.

Motion: Councilmember Silva moved to adopt Ordinance No. 974-2016 Amending Title 2.16 of the Connell Municipal Code. Councilmember Minor seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

TASK ORDER GIS SERVICES-ANDERSON PERRY & ASSOCIATES

City Administrator Maria Peña presented Council with an attached Task Order specific for GIS Services from Anderson Perry & Associates Inc. It was previously proposed at the last Council meeting. It would become a permanent part of the Agreement for Engineering Services entered between the City and Anderson Perry & Associates, Inc. This task order would be the actual authorization that would provide a web-based mapping and information tracking system for water, sewer, and land use in the amount not to exceed \$22,020. It was anticipated that the work could be completed within a three month period and would begin in January.

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Huber moved to approve the Task Order for GIS Services-Anderson Perry & Associates Inc. Councilmember Minor seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE / DEPARTMENT REPORTS

CITY ADMINISTRATOR- Maria Peña

1. Provided council with her City Administrator report.
2. Announced City Office's upcoming Christmas Holiday schedule.

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PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR- Larry Turner

1. Public Works staff had been keeping up with the weather with a few hiccups along the way.

POLICE CHIEF- Chris Turner

1. Town was quiet, the weather been keeping people in.

FIRE CHIEF- Chris Schulte

1. Reported a house fire that occurred early Sunday morning, the house was a total loss.
2. Lamb Weston's alarm sensor went off but was a false alarm.
3. Delivered Christmas presents to families around Connell.

MEETING RECESSED

Mayor Blackwell recessed the regular meeting at 7:08 pm to go into Executive session for 10 minutes to consider the minimum price at which real estate will be offered for lease or sale.

MEETING RECONVENED

Mayor Blackwell called the regular meeting back to order at 7:19 pm.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business before the City Council of Connell Mayor Blackwell adjourned the meeting at 7:20 pm.

ATTEST: _____
Marissa Canales, Accounting Clerk

Bruce Blackwell, Mayor