

MEETING OF THE CITY OF CONNELL, WASHINGTON
CONNELL, FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON
March 4, 2019

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: John White, Mayor Pro Tem Ray Minor and Pat Barrera.

EXCUSED: Mayor Pro Tem Minor moved to excuse Councilmember's Joe Escalera and Kathie Silva. Councilmember Barrera seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

STAFF: Deputy City Clerk Marissa Ortiz, Assistant Public Works Director Hallie Tuck, Deputy Treasurer Genesis Bernal and Fire Chief Ken Woffenden.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Councilmember Barrera moved to approve the consent calendar as presented:

- a) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting February 19, 2019
- b) Accounts payable 3/04/19 for \$87,518.54
- c) Check Register 03/01/19 for \$211.12

Councilmember White seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Minor moved to approve the agenda with the removal of item #7 - 2018 Year End Financial Report. Councilmember Barrera seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

NORDHEIM ROAD FEMA STREET REPAIR PROJECT – RELEASE OF RETAINAGE
Assistant Public Works Director Hallie Tuck reported the City had not yet received all three certificates as originally thought to release retainage to Granite Construction for the Nordheim Road FEMA Street Repair project. He requested that Council move to approve release of retainage upon receiving all three certificates.

Motion: Councilmember White moved to approve release of retainage to Granite Construction in the amount of \$18,694.72 upon receipt of all three certificates. Mayor Pro Tem Minor seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

FIRE CHIEF CONTRACT 2019

Attached for Council was the 3-year Fire Chief Contract which provided for an annual base salary of \$72,352.08 corresponding to Range 21, Step 3 of the City's 2019 Salary Matrix. Ken Woffenden officially took on the duties of Fire Chief February 1st, with Chief Schulte continuing

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to serve the City as well. This overlap was to help the new chief transition in to his new role while still having someone to answer questions and provide training and support as needed.

Motion: Councilmember Barrera moved to approve the Employment Agreement between City of Connell and Ken Woffenden. Mayor Pro Tem Minor seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENT/NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Larry Smith –

1. Concerned with all the snow fall and how the City would handle the melting and potential flooding.
2. Felt good to call the City of Connell his home.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mayor Lee Barrow –

1. Announced all department reports were handed out.
2. Stated Public Works Department was prepared for potential flooding and precautions were being made.

Public Works Assistant Director Hallie Tuck –

1. Reported Public Works Department was prepared with several pallets of sandbags.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business before the City Council of Connell Mayor Barrow adjourned the meeting at 6:17 pm.

ATTEST: _____
Marissa Ortiz, Deputy City Clerk

Lee Barrow, Mayor