

MEETING OF THE CITY OF CONNELL, WASHINGTON  
CONNELL, FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
March 19, 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 Councilmembers: Mayor Pro Tem Ray Minor, John White, Patricia Barrera and Joe Escalera.

EXCUSED: Councilmember Escalera moved to excuse Councilmember Kathie Silva. Councilmember Barrera seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- a) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting March 05, 2018  
(*wording added to-meeting recessed section*)
- b) Accounts payable March 19, 2018 for \$191,296.90
- c) Payroll Register 2/28/18-3/05/18 for \$94,307.01
- d) Payroll Register 3/01/18 for \$44.83

Councilmember Barrera seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS

2018 FARM LEASE-BRANDON HEINEN

Public Works Director Larry Turner advised that the farm lease at the Waste Water Treatment Plant with Neil Smick had expired. Mr. Turner recommended renewing the lease for another ten years to his grandson Brandon Heinen as Rocky Sage LLC. He felt it was a good fit moving forward for the City of Connell since he had been running the day to day operations for a few years. City Attorney Dan Hultgrenn had reviewed the lease protecting the City's interests.

**Motion:** Councilmember White moved to renew and authorize the Mayor to sign the Farm Lease with Rocky Sage LLC for ten years. Councilmember Escalera seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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NORTH COLUMBIA WATER/SEWER PROJECT

Bids for the North Columbia Water/Sewer project were received and opened at Connell City Hall on March 15, 2018. The Engineer's estimate for the project was \$445,865.15. The City received four bids with a low bid of \$504,773.00 from Watts Construction. The bid came in at 12% over the estimate. Public Works Director Larry Turner felt it was a reasonable bid and recommended Council to award the project to Watts Construction.

**Motion:** Councilmember Escalera moved to approve the winning bid to Watts Construction, Inc. for the North Columbia Avenue Water and Sewer Project. Mayor Pro Tem Minor seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Public Works Director-Larry Turner

1. Basketball Court Project-Updated Council on the project and stated that he had received bids on the construction of the basketball court project. Shayne Carlisle Concrete Construction came in with the lowest bid; it included a full basketball court regulation design. Mr. Turner recommended awarding the bid to Shayne Carlisle Concrete Construction for the concrete services on the basketball court project.

**Motion:** Mayor Pro Tem Minor moved to approve the bid from Shayne Carlisle Concrete Construction for the Basketball Court Project. Councilmember Barrera seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Stand Pipe Fill Site-Reported an update on the recent removal of the water spigot stand pipe. The City had met with Franklin County Fire Commissioners and it was decided that the water spigot for the stand pipe would be reinstalled approximately 45 feet from the previous location. Mr. Turner stated that prior to the removal of the spigot the City was in communication with the Franklin Co. Fire Department, but in the future the City would include the Franklin Co. Commissioners as well.

CITIZEN COMMENT/NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Brandon Heinen-Lessee from Rocky Sage, LLC. addressed Council and stated as a member of the community himself he planned to work with the City of Connell the best he could.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business before the City Council of Connell Mayor Barrow adjourned the meeting at 6:43 pm.

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

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Lee Barrow, Mayor