

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

April 17, 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, Councilmember's: Mayor Pro Tem Huber, Ray Minor, Rhonda Quinton and Joe Escalera.

EXCUSED: Councilmember Minor moved to excuse Councilmember Silva. Councilmember Quinton seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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

VISITORS: Citizens; John White, Manny Choi, Kent Mosbrucker, Sterling Joyner and Franklin County Graphic; Katherine Bingham Trowbridge.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- a) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting March 20, 2017
- b) Check Register 4/3/17 for \$39,415.77
- c) Accounts Payable April 17, 2017 for \$87,888.02
- d) Payroll Register 3/31/17-4/05/17 for \$87,7776.36

Councilmember Escalera seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Blackwell presented a proclamation from the State of WA which designated April as the records and information management month. The management of public records, information, and data is critical to every government agency for effective operations.

Mayor Blackwell also presented a proclamation from the Governor proclaiming a State of Emergency for several counties including Franklin.

Franklin County Planning and Building Department sent the City of Connell notices of two pending Short Plats.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-03-ARBOR DAY DESIGNATION

Attached for Council was Resolution No. 2017-03 proclaiming the last Friday in April as Arbor Day. By adopting this resolution as presented the City would not need to adopt a new resolution each year, but could continue to provide a proclamation with the year's celebration date. This was one of the requirements by the Arbor Day Foundation to continue to be eligible for designation as a Tree City USA. As a reminder, City Administrator Maria Peña announced that the City of Connell would celebrate Arbor Day on Saturday, April 29th at 10am at the City Fire Hall.

Motion: Councilmember Quinton moved to approve Resolution No. 2017-03 proclaiming the last Friday in April as Arbor Day. Councilmember Minor seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Councilmember Minor moved to adopt the proclamation setting April 29th as Arbor Day for the City of Connell. Councilmember Escalera seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-04 COMP PLAN PARTICIPATION PROGRAM 2018

City Administrator Maria Peña presented Resolution No. 2017-04 and Exhibit A which would adopt the City's public participation program as required by RCW 36.70A when updating the Comprehensive Plan. The next step would be to provide a survey to the public for input on elements of our Comprehensive Plan. Input from the survey and discussions would be used for a Visioning Process by the Planning Commission to be applied to the Comprehensive Plan. A webpage would be set up on the City's website and would provide detailed information on the Comp Plan update.

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem moved to approve Resolution No. 2017-04 adopting a Public Participation Program for the 2018 Comprehensive Plan amendment cycle. Councilmember Escalera seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO 2017-05 MASTER FEE SCHEDULE UPDATE: SCHEDULE B & D

City Administrator Maria Peña presented Council with the Master Fee Schedule with two schedule updates. Schedule B provided for establishing a deposit of \$500 to cover the cost of providing for a franchise agreement.

The proposed schedule D presented did not include season passes and did include the Pavilion rental fee. The Park Board previously held a meeting and discussed pool operations for the upcoming season. It was discussed not to issue discounted season passes and it was recommended that the price for using the Pavilion be increased from a \$25 reservation fee to \$10 an hour usage fee with a minimum of four (4) hour usage. The Pavilion rental fee was adopted by motion in 2003 and had not been added to the Master Fee Schedule when it was established.

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Huber moved to approve Resolution No. 2017-05 amending schedules B and D of the Master Fee Schedule as presented. Councilmember Minor seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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PIONEER PARK PAVILION RENTAL POLICY

Attached for Council was the Pioneer Park Pavilion Rental Policy which reflected the four (4) hour minimum rental. The City's Master Fee Schedule established the fee.

Motion: Councilmember Minor moved to adopt the Pioneer Park Pavilion Rental Policy. Mayor Pro Tem Huber seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

FRANKLIN STREET WATER LINE REPLACEMENT TASK ORDER

Attached for Council was a task order from Anderson Perry & Associates for the Franklin Street waterline replacement project. Public Works Larry Turner briefed on the details.

Motion: Councilmember Escalera moved to approve the Task Order from Anderson Perry for design and construction engineering services for Franklin Street water line replacement not to exceed \$49,000. Councilmember Quinton seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE / DEPARTMENT REPORTS

CITY ADMINISTRATOR- Maria Peña

1) Reminded Council that May 15th was candidate filing week. She stated she had provided resource links and flyers for anyone interested.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR- Larry Turner

1) Chip sealing was underway for 2018.

CHIEF OF POLICE-Chris Turner

1) Has filled the Police Clerk position and hired Onna Pollock who was previously a dispatcher for Franklin County.

FIRE CHIEF-Chris Schulte

1) Had a discussion about safety at a wildland conference meeting.
2) Hosted two preschool visits.

MEETING RECESSED

Mayor Blackwell recessed the regular meeting at 6:48 pm to go into Executive session for 15 minutes to discuss union negotiations.

Councilmember Quinton recused herself from participating in the Executive session.

MEETING RECONVENED

Mayor Blackwell called the regular meeting back to order at 7:04 pm.

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CITIZEN COMMENT/NON-AGENDA ITEMS

John White-Voiced he attended the recent Town Hall Meeting and had a disagreement with Mayor Blackwell.

CITY COUNCIL CLOSING REMARKS

Councilmember Minor-
Stated he had not attended the Town Hall Meeting due to another commitment.

Mayor Pro Tem Huber-
Apologized for not attending Town Hall Meetings, he had to juggle his work schedule with the Council schedule.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business before the City Council of Connell Mayor Blackwell adjourned the meeting at 7:09 pm

ATTEST: _____
Marissa Canales, Accounting Clerk

Bruce Blackwell, Mayor