

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

May 15, 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 Monty Huber, Ray Minor, Kathie Silva, Rhonda Quinton, and Joe Escalera.

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 Hultgren.

VISITORS: Citizens; Ken Sellereite, Pat Barrera, Lee Barrow, and Franklin County Graphic; Katherine Bingham Trowbridge.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Bruce Blackwell presented correspondence to Council:

A notice of a pending short plat approval from the Franklin Co. Planning and Building Department.

Wildlife and State Forester sent a letter congratulating the City of Connell for achieving designation of a Tree City USA.

Announced that a letter of resignation was submitted by Helen Tobin who had resigned from the Park and Recreation Board effective April 25, 2017.

Received a reimbursable scholarship from the South-Central WA Municipal Clerks Association in the amount of \$625.00 to attend the 2017 Northwest Clerks Institute Professional Development.

Read a proclamation aloud to Council that May 2017 was Older Americans Month.

Announced a 90th Birthday Open House Celebration was planned for a former Councilmember Alleda Arnold.

PRESENTATION

Ken Sellereite chairman of the Tree Board Committee presented a plaque to the City of Connell and expressed his appreciation. He also thanked everyone who was present during the Arbor Day Celebration that took place April 29, 2017.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- a) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting April 17, 2017
- b) Check Register 4/20/17 for \$800.00
- c) Accounts Payable May1, 2017 for \$98,297.86
- d) Payroll Register 4/15/17 - 4/20/17 for \$56,176.45
- e) Payroll Register 4/18/17 - 4/30/17 for \$13,367.67
- f) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting May 1, 2017
- g) Accounts Payable 5/15/17 for \$186,831.25
- h) Payroll Register 4/30/17 – 5/05/17 for \$90,191.89

Mayor Pro Tem Huber seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CONNELL UNIVERSITY PRESENTATION

Public Works Director Larry Turner delivered a Connell University power point presentation on The Public Works Department. He presented the department’s logo along with vision, mission and value statements.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS

MEETING RECESSED

Mayor Blackwell recessed the regular meeting at 6:48 pm to go into Executive session for 20 minutes to consider the minimum price at which real estate would be offered for sale and to discuss collective bargaining.

At 7:09 pm Mayor Blackwell extended the executive session an additional 10 minutes.

Councilmember Quinton recused herself from participating from the collective bargaining discussion part of the executive session.

MEETING RECONVENED

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

POLICE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

City Staff and representatives from the Teamsters Union worked together to provide a Police Collective Bargaining Agreement that cover the police officers from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2019.

Councilmember Quinton abstained from voting.

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Motion: Councilmember Minor moved to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Connell, Washington and Teamsters Local Union NO. 839 as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Huber seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

WA STATE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS-INMATE WORK CREW AGREEMENT
City Administrator Maria Peña presented Council with an annual renewal for the offender Work Project Description. The current agreement would expire June 30, 2017 and there were no changes from the current agreement.

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Huber moved to approve agreement no. K11103 between the Washington State Department of Corrections and the City of Connell. Councilmember Minor seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

SIX YEAR TIP AMENDMENT AND RESOLUTION NO. 2017-06

In April, the City was awarded \$184,508 for the Columbia Ave. chip seal project. The project was listed on the current STIP but now needed to list the funding agency as STP instead of TIB. It would require a resolution and Resolution No. 2017-06 was attached for Council to review.

Motion: Councilmember Silva moved to approve Resolution No. 2017-06 Amending the 2017-2022 six-year Transportation Improvement Plan and amend the six year Transportation Improvement Program for Columbia Ave. chip seal. Councilmember Quinton seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

BACKHOE PURCHASE

Public Works Director Larry Turner explained to Council that earlier in the year, while repairing a water main, the City's current backhoe broke down. It was hauled to a shop for an estimate and found that the transmission had gone out. The repair cost would be approximately \$10,000 and they estimated the value of the backhoe at working condition \$15,000. Comparing numbers, Public Works Director Turner found it would be better to order a new one as opposed to used; the difference in price was only a couple thousand dollars. The cost for a new one would be \$130,941.68 total cost divided by 3 (street, water, and sewer). A municipal lease program was also an option. The cost would be spread over 6 years at 3.5% interest rate for a total cost of \$142,685.20 at an annual payment of \$23,780.70 divided by 3 (street, water & sewer, \$7,926.90 ea.). It would cost \$11,743.52 more to lease for 6 years but would not have to pay the full amount all at once.

Motion: Councilmember Quinton moved to approve a 6-year lease for a new Backhoe purchase not to exceed \$142,685.20. Councilmember Silva seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

SURPLUS AND/OR SCRAP MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT

Public Works Director Larry Turner requested from Council to approve the surplus and/or scrapping of the following items from the City Shop.

1. 1982 Case W20C Loader
2. 1998 Ford 555E Backhoe

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3. 1961 Gallion 118 Grader

Motion: Councilmember Minor moved to approve the request to surplus and/or scrap miscellaneous equipment as listed. Councilmember Escalera seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

TIB EMERGENCY GRANT FOR ROAD REPAIRS

Back in the first part of April, Public Works Director Larry Turner stated that the Transportation Improvement Board contacted him and advised that they had an Emergency Repair program for 2017. The program would provide pothole repair with up to \$50,000 and it was on a first come basis. He immediately sent off an application with pictures and received notice at the end of April that the City was approved. He asked Council to approve the award and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract presented to Council.

Motion: Councilmember Silva moved to approve the TIB Emergency Repair Program award and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract contingent upon review by the City Attorney. Councilmember Minor seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE / DEPARTMENT REPORTS

CITY ADMINISTRATOR- Maria Peña

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

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business before the City Council of Connell Mayor Blackwell adjourned the meeting at 7:49pm

ATTEST: _____
Marissa Canales, Accounting Clerk

Bruce Blackwell, Mayor