

MEETING OF THE CITY OF CONNELL, WASHINGTON
CONNELL, FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON
May 20, 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: Mayor Pro Tem Ray Minor, Kathie Silva and Joe Escalera.

EXCUSED: Councilmember Silva moved to excuse Councilmember's John White and Pat Barrera. Mayor Pro Tem Minor seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

STAFF: City Administrator Maria Peña, Deputy City Clerk Marissa Ortiz, Public Works Director Hallie Tuck, Police Chief Chris Turner, Deputy Treasurer Genesis Bernal, Fire Chief Ken Woffenden and City Attorney Dan Hultgrenn.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- a) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting May 06, 2019
- b) Accounts payable 5/20/19 for \$212,614.80

Councilmember Silva seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS

MID-COLUMBIA LIBRARY SUMMER READING PROGRAM – POOL PASSES
Every summer the Mid-Columbia Library offered reading incentives and fun programming for families within the community. Once again library staff asked for support from the City of Connell for the year by providing pool passes for one free admission to participants of the program.

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Minor moved to approve Pool Passes for the Mid-Columbia Library Summer Reading Program. Councilmember Silva seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

AWARD OF BID – SOUTH COLUMBIA AVE. SIDEWALK, E. BIRCH ST., E. DAVIS ST. PROJECTS

Provided for Council's review were bid results from May 9th, 2019 for the 2019 Street Improvements project. Bids for the project were opened at Connell City Hall at 2:00 p.m. Bids

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ranged from \$799,238.00 to \$952,890.25. The Engineer’s estimate was \$854,325.00. The City received four bids from the following bidders:

1. P.O.W. Contracting, Inc,
2. Total Site Services, LLC
3. C and E Trenching, LLC
4. Granite Construction Company

P.O.W. Contracting, Inc’s bid was approximately \$50,000 below the engineer’s estimate.

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Minor moved to approve the winning bid to P.O.W. Contracting, Inc. Councilmember Escalera seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CONNELL DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION – PROJECTS DISCUSSION
Discussion was held with the members of the Connell Downtown Development Association regarding upcoming projects. Projects included planting pots on Columbia Avenue, postcards promoting the City of Connell, a new mural project and publicizing the historic downtown section of Connell. The idea was to use signage to feature the history of the buildings. The association had applied for Hotel Motel Funds this specific project. The Hotel/Motel committee reviewed this request and was not considered. It was not an allowed use in terms of operations or marketing. Instead the Council could choose to sponsor this project not using hotel/motel funds.

Council’s consensus was to support the signage as a council project using funds from the general fund.

CITIZEN COMMENT/NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Burl Booker –

1. Explained the lighted snowflakes displayed during the winter season on Columbia Avenue needed repairs. On behalf of the Connell Community Club, they requested fund support from Council to rebuild the lights.

Motion: Councilmember Silva moved to support the Connell Community Club in the amount of \$3,000 towards the snowflakes light repair. Mayor Pro Tem Minor seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business before the City Council of Connell Mayor Barrow adjourned the meeting at 6:54 pm.

ATTEST: _____
Marissa Ortiz, Deputy City Clerk

Lee Barrow, Mayor