

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

June 16, 2014

The regular semi-monthly meeting, of the City Council of the City of Connell was called to order by the Mayor at 6:00 pm in the City Hall and was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Bruce Blackwell, Mayor Pro Tem Monty Huber, and Councilmember's: Joe Escalera, Rhonda Quinton, Kathie Silva, and Ray Minor.

STAFF: City Attorney Dan Hultgrenn , City Administrator Jed Crowther, Fire Chief Chris Schulte, Police Chief Chris Turner, Public Works Director Larry Turner, and City Clerk/Treasurer Maria Peña.

VISITORS: Kathy Bingham, Franklin County Graphic and Citizens Robert McCurry

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Blackwell received a liquor license renewal notice from the Washington State Liquor Control Board for Circle K.

Motion: Councilmember Silva moved to appoint Carol Lindner to the Park & Recreation Board. Councilmember Minor seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Huber moved to approve the Consent Calendar with correction.

- a) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting June 2, 2014
(Page 2: add Minor to motion on Personnel Policy)
- b) Minutes of the Town Hall Meeting June 9, 2014
- c) Check Register 6/2/2014 for \$222.98
- d) Check Register 6/3/2014 for \$50.00
- e) Accounts Payable 6/16/2014 for \$140,869.54

Councilmember Escalera seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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.

PUBLIC HEARING-COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

Mayor Blackwell recessed the regular meeting at 6:07 pm and opened a Public Hearing for the purpose of discussing the Community Development Block Grant.

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STAFF REPORT:

City Administrator Jed Crowther explained the city had citizen participation leading up to the Public Hearing. Handouts were provided to Councilmembers and the public. The City would be applying for a General Purpose Grant. The three projects considered for the grant funds were: 1) Resurfacing of Columbia Avenue, 2) Mid Columbia Library Expansion, and 3) Country Estates sewer improvements. City Administrator Crowther reviewed the Housing Goals and Policies from the City's Comprehensive Plan:

Goal 1. - Preserve and enhance established neighborhoods where it's consistent with the overall city land use plan.

Goal 2. - Ensure compatibility of residential development with established and projected land use patterns.

Goal 3. - Encourage the development of affordable housing for all segments of the population

Goal 4. - Promote a variety of residential densities and housing types.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None Heard

COUNCILMEMBERS COMMENT PORTION OF THE HEARING: None Heard

Mayor Blackwell closed the hearing and opened the regular meeting at 6:20 pm.

Motion: Councilmember Quinton moved to approve Resolution No. 2014-09 CDBG Application. Councilmember Minor seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Councilmember Silva moved to approve Resolution No. 2014-10 CDBG Grievance Procedure. Councilmember Quinton seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

SIX-YEAR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2015-2020

The final Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan was presented to Councilmembers for approval. Public Works Director Larry Turner changed the order of the priority of the 1st and 2nd projects. The Birch Street project was moved to the 1st priority due to TIP grant funds now being available.

Motion: Councilmember Minor moved to adopt Resolution No. 2014-08 setting the State Transportation Improvement plan for 2015-2020 with corrections made at the 6/16/2014 council meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Huber seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**AMENDED UTILITY EASEMENTS-ADJOINING CONNELL PARK ESTATES
WATERLINE REPLACEMENT**

City staff met with Franklin County and Columbia Basin Health Association to talk over concerns with waterline easements affecting the Connell Park Estate waterline project. The amended easement now had revisions including: 1) 30 foot width rather than 40 foot, 2) Wording changed to state "water and sewer easement" rather than all utilities, and 3) Third party utility providers not to be associated with the City Easement. Public Works Director Larry Turner needed signed easements back in order to start the bidding projects.

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Motion: Councilmember Quinton moved to approve amended waterline easements between Franklin County and Columbia Basin Health and the City of Connell. Councilmember Minor seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

FIRE CHIEF-CONTRACT EXTENSION #2

At a prior Council meeting, a contract was approved between the City and the Department of Corrections, which continues the pattern reimbursement, in order to fund the fire chief position. A second extension to Fire Chief Chris Schulte contract was presented to Councilmembers for approval

Motion: Councilmember Minor moved to approve Fire Chief Chris Schulte's Contract Extension #2. Councilmember Escalera seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

Public Works Director Larry Turner asked Councilmembers to approve surplus of the following items:

1. 1967 Sand Truck
2. 1976 Ford F250
3. Leer Canopy
4. Old Hyster
5. Wisconsin Roller
6. Rex Roller
7. Aquatech Jetrodder
8. Misc Sewer, Water, Street Parts
9. Misc Computers and printers
10. Misc debris picked up from cleaning within the city
11. Found Bicycles
12. Car Dolly

Motion: Councilmember Escalera moved to approve surplus as listed above. 2. Councilmember Quinton seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE / DEPARTMENT REPORTS.

CLERK/TREASURER DEPARTMENT – Maria Peña

- 1) Handed out Annual Report

CHIEF OF POLICE-Chris Turner

- 1) Met with School Board on resource police officer at school
- 2) Bi Pin Board looking into new program-
- 3) Reserve Office completed academy

FIRE DEPARTMENT – Fire Chief Chris Schulte

- 1) Emergency Preparedness meetings still taking place
- 2) SCBA Training went well.

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MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business before the City Council of Connell, Mayor Blackwell adjourned the meeting at 6:50 pm.

ATTEST: _____
Rose Courneya, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

Bruce Blackwell, Mayor