

MEETING OF THE CITY OF CONNELL, WASHINGTON  
CONNELL, FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
June 17, 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, Pat Barrera, Joe Escalera, and John White.

ABSENT: No motion. Councilmember Kathie Silva unexcused.

STAFF: City Administrator Maria Peña, Accounting Clerk Ivan Barragan, Public Works Director Hallie Tuck, Police Chief Chris Turner, Fire Chief Ken Woffenden and City Attorney Dan Hultgrenn.

CORRESPONDENCE/PRESENTATIONS

CRCC DRILL PRESENTATION - BEN BOUCHER

Ben Boucher from the Coyote Ridge Corrections Center explained that an escape drill would be conducted in Connell at 413 N. Third Avenue on June 17<sup>th</sup>. This drill would simulate a hostage situation. Every two years as per policy every Washington State Department of Corrections facility was required to conduct this specific drill. The multi-agency drill involved the following agencies; Washington State Department of Corrections, Connell Police Department, Connell Fire Department, Connell Emergency Medical Services, Franklin County Sheriff's Department, Franklin County Emergency Management, Washington State Military Department, and North Franklin School District (simulated response).

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- a) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting June 3, 2019
- b) Accounts payable 6/17/19 for \$89,299.13
- c) Check Register 6/03/19 for \$262.24
- d) Payroll Register 05/31/19 – 06/05/19 for \$100,450.20

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-03- SIX-YEAR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN  
2020-2025

Provided for Council was STIP 2020-2025 and Resolution No. 2019-03 State Transportation Improvement Plan 2020-2025. During the Public Hearing on 6/03/2019, council approved to have staff meet with the street committee to prepare and recommend updates to the previous 2019-2024 STIP. Public Works Director Hallie Tuck stated they met June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and discussed changes to the 2020 STIP. Two projects were removed from the STIP due to the projects were set to begin or had begun. The two projects were located at East Davis Street and East Birch Street. Public Works Director Tuck reported they also reprioritized the listed project numbers in the STIP.

**Motion:** Councilmember Escalera moved to approve Resolution No. 2019-03 adopting the 2020-2025 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan for the City of Connell. Mayor Pro Tem Minor seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING AMENDMENTS FOR STREET PROJECTS

Provided for Council's review were construction engineering amendments for the South Columbia Ave. Sidewalk, East Davis Street and East Birch Street Reconstruction projects. Public Works Director Hallie Tuck explained that these amendments would account for an onsite inspector during the construction phases of all three projects. This would help Public Works staff oversee all three scheduled projects.

The total amended additional dollar amount for each project was:

South Columbia Ave. Sidewalk was \$11,703.00.  
East Davis Street Reconstruction was \$23,700.00.  
East Birch Street Reconstruction was \$90,700.00.

**Motion:** Mayor Pro Tem Minor moved to approve the Construction Engineering Amendments Street Projects for South Columbia Ave Sidewalk, East Davis Street and East Birch Street Reconstruction. Councilmember Barrera seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

EQUIPMENT LOAN AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

City Administrator Maria Peña was approached by the Connell Football Club regarding the mowing at Clark Street Park. The Park's department mowed the grass regularly at the park but not typically before the Connell Football Club's soccer games. Occasionally they held more than one soccer game during the week. Including soccer players and their families, anywhere from 50 to 100 people attended the games. Approximately half were from out of town. City Administrator Peña stated the Club was willing to mow the field but did not have the equipment to do so. An equipment loan and indemnification agreement was provided for Council's review. This agreement would allow the use of the City's riding lawnmower to the Club so that they could have the field ready for use prior to their games.

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**Motion:** Councilmember Escalera moved to approve the Equipment Loan and Indemnification Agreement with the Connell Football Club. Councilmember White seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

REQUEST FOR STOREFRONT SIDEWALK DINING

Mayor Lee Barrow stepped down from the Mayor chair and allowed Mayor Pro Tem Minor to take over the meeting. Vicky Barrow, Pizza Station business owner addressed Council with a request to have their dining expanded to the outside of their enclosed restaurant onto the city sidewalk 6 ft. The access to the outside dining would be from the front door or a garage style door which was intended to be installed. Due to the Pizza Station's beer and wine license the liquor board was required to be notified of any changes made to the restaurant. If the city approved their request the liquor board would require a 42-inch barrier (fence) for the dining area. The Pizza Station had this dining area in place. City Attorney Dan Hultgrenn stated that a blanket ordinance needed to be put in place, this way other business owners had the same option as well.

CITIZEN COMMENT/NON-AGENDA ITEMS

City Administrator Maria Peña voiced that there would be activities taking place on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the Pioneer Park. The Connell Churches would host at the park pavilion and hold a worship gathering, bouncy houses by the pool would be arranged. The City of Connell staff planned to hold derby boat races in the pool made with cardboard.

Abadeen Peters made a request to allow a 6 ft fence on a street front yard where the allowance is up to 4 ft per CMC. Her physical address was 611 S. 7<sup>th</sup> Ave., and this property was located on a corner. City Administrator Maria Peña stated that she was not certain a variance could be requested. Mayor Lee Barrow mentioned that a decision was not possible at the time, but research would be done, and the city would get back to her.

Edward Brown requested to have East Davis Street closed on 07/06/2019. He was planning a party at his home for his son, who was arriving home from the Army. He mentioned he spoke to all the neighbors and they were okay with the block party.

Council's consensus was to allow the closure at East Davis Street on 07/06/2019.

Councilmember White requested to have the crosswalk painted. Public Works Director Hallie Tuck stated that the plan was to have them painted August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business before the City Council of Connell Mayor Barrow adjourned the meeting at 6:52 pm.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marissa Ortiz, Deputy City Clerk

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Lee Barrow, Mayor