

MEETING OF THE CITY OF CONNELL, WASHINGTON
CONNELL, FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON
June 18, 2018

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 Councilmembers: Mayor Pro Tem Ray Minor, John White, Patricia Barrera and Joe Escalera.

EXCUSED: Mayor Pro Tem Minor moved to excuse Councilmember Kathie Silva. Councilmember Escalera seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Lee Barrow presented correspondence, a letter received addressed to Council from a citizen regarding the city swimming pool. The Council made a recommendation to forward the letter to the Park and Recreation Advisory Board for their review.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Councilmember Barrera moved to approve the consent calendar as presented:

- a) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting June 4, 2018
- b) Accounts payable 6/18/18 for \$329,401.48
- c) Application for Payment No. 2 N. Columbia Ave. Water/Sewer Project-Watt's Construction for \$195,663.88
- d) Payroll Register 5/31/18 - 6/05/18 for \$91,775.95

Mayor Pro Tem Minor seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS

SIX-YEAR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2019-2024

Public Works Director Larry Turner reviewed the Connell's Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Cities and counties are required to prepare and adopt a comprehensive transportation program for the ensuing six calendar years. The STIPs are to be consistent with the city or county comprehensive plan transportation element. On 5/31/18 the Street Committee met and went over the 2018 State Transportation Improvement Plan and came

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up with the recommendations for 2019-2024 STIP Plan. He provided a colored Connell map and discussed those changes by item's #1-17.

Council consensus was to move forward with proposed changes for the 2019-2024 Six Year Transportation Improvement plan.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND PORT OF PASCO

Provided for Council was an interlocal agreement with the Port of Pasco. The agreement provided for the City and Port to partner together for the construction of a welcome center and the responsibilities of each entity. The Port of Pasco would use their funds for the actual construction of the facility and the City would be responsible for the land which was acquired along with the utilities, maintenance and landscaping. City Attorney Dan Hultgrenn helped in putting together the agreement.

Motion: Councilmember Barrera moved to approve the interlocal agreement between the City of Connell and the Port of Pasco for the promotion of tourism. Councilmember Escalera seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

MID-COLUMBIA LIBRARY SUMMER READING PROGRAM-POOL PASSES

Every summer the Connell Mid-Columbia Library has offered reading incentives and fun programming for families within the community. Again staff asked for support from the City of Connell for the year by providing 200 pool passes for one free admission to finishers of the program.

Motion: Councilmember White moved to approve Pool Passes for the Connell Mid-Columbia Library Summer Reading Program. Councilmember Barrera seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ON CALL SERVICE CONTACT WITH AHBL

Provided for Council's review was the Community Development On-Call Services Contract with AHBL Consultant Services. This service contract would be for help with planning land use items that come up; currently this consultant company was assisting with the City Comprehensive Plan. City Administrator Maria Peña explained that ABHL services helped with land use issues and the City would need to deal with that type of process correctly. ABHL would serve as a partner, provide on-call services and be available on an as-needed basis through December 31, 2018.

Our City Attorney Dan Hutlgrenn recommended adding the following wording to the contract:

The terms and conditions of the professional services agreement dated 2/12/18 are part of this agreement which by this reference are incorporated herein.

Motion: Councilmember Escalera moved to approve the 2018 Community Development On-Call Contract with AHBL Consultant Services with additional wording as Attorney Dan Hutlgrenn stated. Mayor Pro Tem Minor seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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CONNELL RAIL INTERCHANGE PROJECT

City Administrator Maria Peña had received notice that the City had not received the FMSIB grant of \$4 million or the \$14 million grant from INFRA. She reminded Council that previously the City had also applied for the TIGER and HAEIFAC grant and both were unsuccessful. The City had come to the point where it had met the amount allocated to Jeannie Beckett with the Beckett Group for her help in navigating through these grant applications. Any additional work would require a new agreement with her. City Administrator Peña stated that as a City we could not show that we were farther along than we were a year ago making it pointless in applying for the next round of grant funding. She suggested that the City not invest money into this project at this time.

ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION-UPDATE

City Administrator Maria Peña gave an update on the Electric Vehicle Charging Station Project. The projects original site selected had had a few issues, a second site was then selected but there were some concerns as well. A final site was selected and the project was coming along. The intent was to place the charging station in front of the new welcome center. The positive outcome of this new site was that the contractor for the charging station needed to install an additional power pole to service the station. After he looked at the site for the welcome center he noted that two poles would be needed to bring electricity to the site. The contractor would install one pole at their expense. The City would cover the cost of the other pole, saving the City approximately \$8,000. The anticipated date for breaking ground on this project was the first week of August 2018.

Council consensus was to continue moving forward with the Electric Vehicle Charging Station Project.

CITY COUNCIL CLOSING REMARKS

Mayor Barrow –

Acknowledged all the hard work done by City Administrator Peña on the Electric Vehicle Charging Station Project and the Connell Welcome Center Project.

Councilmember Barrera –

Stated it was a wise decision on City's part to step away from the Connell Rail Interchange project.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business before the City Council of Connell Mayor Barrow adjourned the meeting at 7:20 pm.

ATTEST: _____
Marissa Ortiz, Deputy City Clerk

Lee Barrow, Mayor