

MEETING OF THE CITY OF CONNELL, WASHINGTON  
CONNELL, FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
June 19, 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, Mayor Pro Tem Monty Huber, Councilmembers: Ray Minor, Kathie Silva, Rhonda Quinton, and Joe Escalera.

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

VISITORS: Citizens; John White, Pat Barrera and Franklin County Graphic; Katherine Bingham Trowbridge.

CONSENT CALENDAR

**Motion:** Mayor Pro Tem Huber moved to approve the Consent Calendar with item C (BNSF Pipeline Licensed) removed.

- a) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting June 5, 2017
- b) Accounts payable 6/19/17 for \$96,212.94

Councilmember Quinton 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

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-09-STIP 2018-2023

Public Works Director Larry Turner had Council review the following documents:

- Resolution No. 2017-09
- 2018-2023 State Transportation Improvement Plan

Mr. Turner explained that the Street Committee had met on May 22, 2017 and reviewed the State Transportation Improvement Plan and made a recommendation of change to the City Council. Council held a public hearing on June 5, 2017 and approved the changes to the 2018 STIP and moved to have staff prepare a resolution and update the 2018-2023 STIP as presented for final approval.

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**Motion:** Councilmember Quinton moved to approve Resolution No. 2017-09 for the 2018-2023 STIP. Mayor Pro Tem Huber seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 978-2017- UPDATING PARKING REGULATIONS

Attached for Council was updated Ordinance No. 978-2014 which reflected the following changes to Chapter 10.20 of the Connell Municipal Code:

Under 10.20.010 angle parking.

Item (6) the north side of Adams Street in front of the Connell Heritage Museum, was added.

Under 10.20.060 parking for certain purposes prohibited.

Item (6) no vehicle shall be parked on any street in the City in violation of posted time limits as established by the chief of police with the consent of the City Council, was added.

Section 2 was added for clarification as to sections being repealed.

**Motion:** Councilmember Silva moved to approve Ordinance No. 978-2017 Updating Parking Regulations. Councilmember Minor seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

FUND 415 WATER/SEWER BOND RESERVE FUND - ORDINANCE NO. 980-2017

City Clerk/Treasurer Rose Courneya explained to Council, that the City of Connell Fund 415 Water/Sewer Bond Reserve was established as a reserve account by Ordinance No. 715 as required by the Parity Lien Water Bond documents for the farm bonds. The long term debt of the Farm Bond had been paid in full and Fund 415 was no longer needed.

**Motion:** Councilmember Silva moved to adopt Ordinance No. 980-2017 closing Fund 415 Water/Sewer Bond Reserve Fund. Councilmember Minor seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-10 FEMA DESIGNATION OF APPLICANT'S AGENT

Mayor Blackwell had declared a city-wide emergency due to severe weather that caused flooding of the Esquatzel Coulee. Franklin County Board of Commissioners declared a county-wide emergency and the state of Washington declared a state-wide emergency which all lead to funding by FEMA to help recover the costs. City staff held a debriefing with FEMA and WA Emergency Management to review the damages and discuss cost recovery. City Administrator Peña provided Council with Resolution No. 2017-10, which would allow the City of Connell to obtain federal and/or state emergency or disaster assistance funds.

**Motion:** Councilmember Quinton moved to approve Resolution No. 2017-10 FEMA designation of applicant's agent. Councilmember Silva seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO.2017-11 MASTER FEE SCHEDULE AMENDMENT PARK & REC FEES

City Administrator Maria Peña was approached by a parent who inquired into starting up the Swim Team program. The parents would run the program, much like they had prior to the City taking it over in 2014. City Administrator Peña recommended the City charge a \$10 facility use charge per swim team member. The swim team would need to provide and pay for two certified guards. The City previously had charged \$15 per member for approximately 8 weeks and also provided a guard. City Administrator Peña presented Resolution No. 2017-11 to amend the Master Fee Schedule to include a \$10 charge per swim team member for Council to review.

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**Motion:** Councilmember Minor moved to approve Resolution No. 2017-11 amending the Master Fee Schedule to provide for a \$10 facility use charge per swim team member. Councilmember Quinton seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

### JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> POOL CAN DRIVE

City Administrator Maria Peña discussed that in the past the City of Connell had provided free swimming on the Fourth of July and at times had asked for canned food donations which would then be delivered to the Connell Food Bank. She stated this would be a good practice to continue and asked Council to consider a free day for swimming or an entrance fee of a canned food item (a can for each session).

**Motion:** Councilmember Silva made a motion to allow for a pool entrance fee of a canned food item for July 4<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Pro Tem Huber seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

### AGREEMENT WITH PUD FOR UTILIZATION OF STREET LIGHT FACILITIES

Ben Hooper, Broadband Services Manager for PUD, had provided a presentation to Council this past December in regards to the City's needs for broadband, fiber deployment and how PUD's wholesale broadband worked. Mayor Blackwell and Public Works Director Turner met with staff from PUD to discuss the progress of this project. An agreement between the City of Connell and PUD for the utilization of the City's street light facilities to install wireless communications equipment was presented to Council.

**Motion:** Councilmember Minor moved to authorize the Mayor to sign agreement No. 9101 between the City of Connell and PUD. Mayor Pro Tem seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

### WA STATE DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT

City Administrator Peña provided an update on the Rail Interchange Project. BNSF and WA State DOT were continuing to work on an agreement; the project was on hold until such an agreement was signed. City Administrator presented an amendment to the agreement which was for money that was allocated to the City in the State's 2015-2017 biennium to complete the design portion of the project. The City had only spent \$2,123.85 of the \$600,000 that was allocated. It was determined that this money would be best spent by using it to pay for engineering that would be completed by BNSF's engineers and therefore the City did not continue to use HDR for the engineering. This amendment was needed to close out the City's hold on these funds and would allow BNSF to acquire the funding.

**Motion:** Mayor Pro Tem moved to authorize the Mayor to approve Amendment No.1 between the City of Connell and the State of Washington agreement GCB2372. Councilmember Quinton seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

### CHRIS SCHULTE, FIRE CHIEF, EXTENSION OF CONTRACT

City Administrator Maria Peña stated that the current Fire Chief's contract would expire on July of 2017 and suggested changes to existing contract language was presented to Council.

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Section 5. Salary B-Allowing the employee to reside within forty five minutes rather than ten minutes from the worksite.

Section 14. The subsequent uniform allowance would be budgeted not to exceed \$1,000 instead of \$300.

Section 16. Other Terms and Conditions of Employment –Former Fire Chief after separation would provide for support and training to the next Fire Chief for two months to be compensated at the Former Fire Chief’s normal monthly salary rate.

**Motion:** Councilmember Minor moved to approve Fire Chief Contract extension as presented with change of wording. Councilmember Escalera seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE / DEPARTMENT REPORTS

CITY ADMINISTRATOR- Maria Peña

1. Would attend the annual AWC Conference along with Councilmember Minor.

FIRE CHIEF- Chris Schulte

1. Approved Firework Permit for the Chamber of Commerce.

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

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marissa Canales, Accounting Clerk

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Bruce Blackwell, Mayor