

MEETING OF THE CITY OF CONNELL, WASHINGTON
CONNELL, FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON
July 15, 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, Pat Barrera and Joe Escalera.

ABSENT: Councilmember moved to excuse Councilmember White. 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 City Treasurer Genesis Bernal, Fire Chief Ken Woffenden and City Attorney Dan Hultgrenn.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- a) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting June 17, 2019
- b) Application for Payment No. 1 – 2019 Street Improvements for \$30,995.00
- c) Accounts payable 7/15/19 for \$223,839.04
- d) Check Register 7/01/19 for \$59,258.15
- e) Check Register 7/01/19 for \$210.84
- f) Check Register 7/02/19 for \$116.11
- g) Payroll Register 6/15/19 – 6/20/19 for \$63,861.87
- h) Payroll Register 6/30/19 – 7/05/19 for \$101,001.07

Councilmember Silva seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Councilmember Silva moved to approve the agenda as presented. Councilmember Escalera seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

WA STATE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS – INMATE WORK CREW AGREEMENT
Provided for Council was the renewal agreement for the Offender Work Project Description Contract. The current agreement had expired on June 30, 2019. Aside from the date, the only other change was the project period. The total project period was from July to November, until then a new contract would need to be re-issued. WA State Department of Corrections requested a signature on the updated current agreement.

Councilmember Barrera abstained from voting.

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Motion: Councilmember Silva moved to approve Agreement No. K11103 between Washington State Department of Corrections and City of Connell. Mayor Pro Tem Minor seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

STREET SWEEPER LEASE AGREEMENT

Public Works Director Hallie Tuck stated the City's current street sweeper had been having major issues in keeping it operating. It had been in the shop more than on the streets. One major issue was the company that manufactured it had gone out of business a year after it was purchased. The Public Works Department demo different brands and found one they thought would work well for the City. A Johnston VT652 sweeper, the brand was around for over 75 years. The total cost was \$280,046.00, with a 10-year lease offer with the option to buy for \$1 at the end of the lease. A 5 year warranty was included in the total price.

Motion: Councilmember Barrera moved to approve the Lease Agreement for a Johnston VT652 sweeper. Councilmember Escalera seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

SEWER LOAN APPLICATION – COUNTRY ESTATES/STRIKER ADDITION

City Administrator Maria Peña reported that City staff had been trying to work on a solution for the sewer issues associated with the grinder pumps at Country Estates. Staff talked to various grant organizations but had not had luck in finding grants for this project. Considering the current issue that had come up with sewage backups to several homes in the subdivision the City needed to act.

City Administrator Peña gave some background information on the subdivision. It was developed in 1997, with no sewer main line available that the homes could be connected to directly. Homes were connected to the sewer system using grinder pumps and a small diameter pressure sewer that fed into a 3-inch line that forced waste to a main gravity line. Slowly development took place with more and more homes connected to the 3-inch line. The line could not adequately sustain 28 homes, staff was having to clean up sediment in the line to keep sewage from backing up into homes. Presently, three homes were experiencing sewage backup problems.

Adjacent to Country Estates was an area in Striker Addition that was serviced by septic tanks. All on septic systems, there was 10 homes, a church, and park facilities. There were also several parcels not connected that could serve potential growth. The solution the City was looking for was the installation of 8-inch lines and a sewer lift station to service both areas. City Administrator Peña added that the City had an opportunity to apply for a low interest financing loan from Public Works Board (PWB) for construction of this project. It was expected that the total project cost would be slightly under \$1.5 million. To help show readiness (which was how PWB projects were scored) the City would cover all pre-construction expenses at approximately \$140,000 and an additional \$100,000 for construction.

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Minor moved to confirm the Mayor's authority to sign the construction application for the Public Works Board Loan. Councilmember Silva seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2019-04 – PROPERTY SURPLUS

City Administrator Maria Peña named and reviewed a list of properties for Council’s consideration to surplus. The following list was of properties that for different reasons were not needed for City services.

| Parcel No. | Description | Location |
|-------------------|--|----------------------------|
| 109693405 | E 14’ of Lot 8, Block 1, Cambell’s Addition | Adjacent to Clark Park |
| 109801010 | Connell Lot 5 Blk 1 | Adjacent to Baptist Church |
| 109812231 | Lots 1 Exc S35’, Blk 10 TOG W/N15’ Vac Alley | On N. 5 th |
| 109831318 | Klindworth Add FR. Lot 3, Blk 9 | On E Ash |
| 109831327 | Klindworth Add FR. Blk 6 | On E. Ash |

Parcel No. 109840063, Short Plat 2005-12 Lot 4, near W. Elm was removed until further information was collected.

Motion: Councilmember Silva moved to adopt Resolution No. 2019-04 declaring the parcels as presented for surplus. Mayor Pro Tem seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY COUNCIL CLOSING REMARKS

Mayor Lee Barrow – congratulated City Administrator Maria Peña who had joined, completed and graduated from the Northwest Women’s Leadership Academy.

Patricia Barrera – appreciated the work done by the Mid-Columbia Libraries and how it brings a positiveness to the City.

MEETING RECESSED

Mayor Barrow recessed the regular meeting at 6:56 pm to go into Executive session for 15 minutes to consider the minimum price at which real estate will be offered for sale and to discuss the acquisition of property in regard to the real estate that was being offered for sale.

MEETING RECONVENED

Mayor Barrow called the regular meeting back to order at 7:11 pm.

Motion: Councilmember Barrera moved to decline an offer made to purchase parcel no.109801010. Councilmember Escalera seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Council consensus was to advertise this parcel no.109801010 in the newspaper and allow other offers.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business before the City Council of Connell Mayor Barrow adjourned the meeting at 7:12 pm.

ATTEST: _____
Marissa Ortiz, Deputy City Clerk

Lee Barrow, Mayor