

MEETING OF THE CITY OF CONNELL, WASHINGTON
CONNELL, FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON
August 28, 2017

The special 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 and Councilmembers: Ray Minor, Kathie Silva and Rhonda Quinton.

EXCUSED: Mayor Pro Tem Huber moved to excuse councilmember Joe Escalera. Councilmember Minor seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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

VISITORS: Franklin County Graphic; Katherine Bingham Trowbride, American Legion; Kyle Hollibaugh & Chad Egbert. Citizens; Pat Barrera, John Linder, Lee Barrow, Andrea Shawver, Burl & Kara Booker.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Councilmember Silva moved to approve the consent calendar as presented.

- a) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting August 7, 2017
- b) Check Register 8/21/17 for \$177,330.54
- c) Payroll Register 8/15/17-8/18/17 for \$69,164.39

Mayor Pro Tem Huber seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION

Kyle Hollibaugh from American Legion Post #195 spoke before council and requested the closure of Borah Street in-between the Flying X Coffee and the American Legion buildings for the Fall Festival Street Dance on Saturday, September 9, 2017.

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Huber moved to approve the street closure for the American Legion for the Fall Festival Street dance on September 9, 2017. Councilmember Minor 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

POOL DISCUSSION

Attached for Council's review were the pool revenues and expenditures for 2017. City Clerk/Treasurer Rose Courneya listed the preliminary pool totals and stated the expenditures and revenues were not final due to the budget year not being closed out yet. She announced that for the 2017 pool season in pool passes, rentals, and training were \$6,605.00. The total revenues from proposition #1 had come in at \$33,965.05. City Clerk/Treasurer Courneya stated the proposed budget for the 2018 pool season was \$62,700. Also discussed was the 2018 proposed pool schedule, swimming lessons, and the Connell swim team. The pool would again open for two sessions from 1:30-3:30pm and 5:30-7:30pm, Monday thru Saturday and would be closed on Sundays. Three sessions of swimming lessons for two weeks each was proposed from 4:00 to 5:30pm with water safety certified instructors. Parents of the Connell swim team were proposed to become certified instructors and the city would pay for the cost. The parent lead Connell swim team had a good turn out and would again be charged for each member. City Administrator Maria Peña mentioned that the red and yellow slides were shut down last summer and again this summer. Since the slides were received on a grant the city would need to try and utilize them. Their life expectancy was at least another ten years. She stated that Pool Manager Jason Janosky the pool manager had previously suggested alternating lifeguards between the blue and big slides for 2018 then all slides would be utilized. City Administrator Peña expressed the other option would be to remove the big slides but it was expected something else in their place. A water splash park was an idea. She was waiting to hear back from the granting agency for more details. Overall the pool ran smoothly this year and no complaints were heard.

2018 PRELIMINARY BUDGET DISCUSSION

Attached for Council was the 2018 preliminary budget totals prepared by City Clerk Treasurer Rose Courneya with the help of staff department heads. City Clerk/Treasurer Courneya delivered the 2018 budget totals in the general fund:

- \$2,500 budgeted for fireworks.
- Full time Police Clerk in the Police Department.
- 2% COLA for the union employees with their specialty pay.
- 2% COLA for the non-union employees.
- Medical insurance policy provided by the City to non-union employees was decreased. Current policy would go away as of January 1st, 2018.
- Increased training fund in administration office for new staff.
- No park and recreation director for 2018.

Public Works Director Larry Turner briefly announced the upcoming street projects for 2018. He stated the water and sewer funds remained the same. In the capital expenditures for both water and a sewer fund, \$15,000 was added for machinery and equipment for needed repairs that could come up. Staff then asked direction from Council to review the budget and prepare it for adoption.

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COMMITTEE / DEPARTMENT REPORTS

No reports or comments.

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

ATTEST: _____
Marissa Ortiz, Accounting Clerk

Bruce Blackwell, Mayor