

MEETING OF THE CITY OF CONNELL, WASHINGTON
CONNELL, FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON
September 16, 2019

The Regular 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: John White, Mayor Pro Tem Minor, Pat Barrera and Joe Escalera.

STAFF: City Administrator Maria Peña, Deputy City Clerk Marissa Ortiz, Public Works Director Hallie Tuck, Police Chief Chris Turner, Fire Chief Ken Woffenden, Deputy Treasurer Genesis Bernal and City Attorney Dan Hultgrenn.

Motion: Councilmember Escalera moved to unexcuse Councilmember Kathie Silva's absence. Councilmember Barrera seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Lee Barrow read two Proclamations aloud:

- A. Proclaimed September 21st, 2019 to be "Back the Blue Day" as a show of support for local and regional law enforcement.
- B. Proclaimed September 2019 to be "Childhood Cancer Awareness Month" in the City of Connell and encourage all residents to support those in our community whose children are battling cancer.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- a) Minutes of the Special Council Meeting September 05, 2019
- b) Application for Payment No.3 – 2019 Street Improvements for \$311,769.77
- c) Accounts payable 9/16/19 for \$463,575.30
- d) Check Register 9/3/19 for \$210.28
- e) Payroll Register 8/31/19 – 9/05/19 for \$93,146.99

Councilmember White seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS

PRESENTATION FROM APOLLO SOLUTIONS GROUP

Scott Lewis, representative from Apollo Solutions Group gave a presentation on Energy Savings Performance Contracts, (ESPCs). He addressed energy and operational cost savings, which derived from implementing proposed Facility Improvement Measures (FIMs), utility incentives, and energy grants. The Apollo Solutions Group would assume the risk and guaranteed the cost, savings and performance. Their goal was to gain Council's approval to choose Apollo Solutions Group (ASG) as their Energy Service Company, ESCO. ASG would then perform the preliminary energy audit and come back to the City with a list of potential projects.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACT

Provided for Council's review was a draft renewal contract for City Administrator Maria Peña. Changes reflected deletions which were seen in red strike-through and additions which were seen in blue underlined.

Motion: Councilmember Escalera moved to approve the renewal contract between the City of Connell and City Administrator Maria Peña. Mayor Pro Tem Minor seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS – FIRE CONTRACT NO. K12006

City Staff had been working with the State of Washington Department of Corrections to renew the Fire Protection Services contract which expired in June. The Agreement provided the City payment by CRCC of an equitable share for fire protection services pursuant to the mandate of RCW 35.21.79. The new contract was for a period of five years and set the payment amount at \$104,110 per year. The previous contract had included an inflation rate of approximately 2.4% a year. In discussions with DOC staff it was expressed that DOC headquarters wanted to tie the payment amount to the square footage of the facility as they did for other facilities they contracted for. They also did not provide inflation factors for any other facilities.

Councilmember Barrera abstained from voting.

Motion: Councilmember White moved to approve the Interagency agreement with the WA State Department of Corrections Contract No. K12006 for Fire Protection Services and authorized the Mayor to sign. Mayor Pro Tem Minor seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT – INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

Police Chief Chris Turner clarified the purpose of this agreement was to establish a Special Investigations Unit consisting the law enforcement officers from the various local law enforcement agencies to help facilitate orderly, thorough, and objective investigations of incidents involving law enforcement officers that result in grievous or fatal injury to another person or to an officer resulting from acts of another person. The City of Connell was fortunate to be one of the parties in this interlocal agreement.

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Minor moved to approve and authorize the Mayor and Chief of Police to sign the Special Investigations Unit Interlocal Agreement. Councilmember Barrera seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 – 2019 STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Public Works Director Hallie Tuck stated the Change Order provided was needed due to the extra work that was required to complete the Street Improvement Projects. He explained that there was a small section of curb and sidewalk at the end of Birch Street that was not included on the TIB project and without it would be unsafe for pedestrians. Additionally, a section of waterline on East Davis Street that was believed to of been installed years earlier was not and was needed to be connected. This would prevent to have to cut into a brand-new street the months to follow due to the lots nearby had sold and the city would need to supply water service.

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Minor moved to approve the change order in the amount of \$38,231.37. Councilmember Barrera seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

City Administrator Maria Peña –

1. Reported the City of Connell was officially under an audit.

Public Works Director Hallie Tuck –

1. Stated Columbia Avenue Mainstreet had been painted and striped.
2. Reported the East Birch Street Project was completed except for a few adjustments.

CITIZEN COMMENT/NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Kara Booker –

1. Informed that Fall Festival was a success for 2019 and asked for all and any input from the community, this would help prepare for yet a better Fall Festival in 2020.

CITY COUNCIL CLOSING REMARKS

Mayor Barrow – Heard great things about Fall Festival as well as about the Columbia Basin Jr. Livestock show.

Ray Minor – Stated that Fall Festival this year was a great success.

Joe Escalera – Enjoyed all the events during the Fall Festival.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business before the City Council of Connell Mayor Barrow adjourned the meeting at 7:10 pm.

ATTEST: _____
Marissa Ortiz, Deputy City Clerk

Lee Barrow, Mayor