

MEETING OF THE CITY OF CONNELL, WASHINGTON
CONNELL, FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

September 28, 2016

The Special Council Meeting, of the Connell City Council was called to order by Mayor Blackwell at 5:01 pm in the City Hall.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Bruce Blackwell and Councilmembers: Ray Minor, Rhonda Quinton and Joe Escalera
ABSENT: Councilmember Katherine Silva and Mayor Pro Tem Monty Huber
STAFF: City Administrator Maria Peña, City Clerk/Treasurer Rose Courneya and Public Works Director Larry Turner

AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT A DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND (DWSRF) LOAN APPLICATION FOR WELL 6 (A)

Public Works Director Turner updated Council on the status of Well 6. PW Director Turner reviewed that Well 6 had been shut down due to high nitrate problems. The well had initially been drilled crooked and this was now causing problems in not allowing for a full lining of the well shaft that was needed to stop the inflow of high nitrates. A study had been completed on the well that confirmed the only remedy was to replace the entire well. A new well would be drilled in front of the old one which would allow the City to reuse existing plumbing and the existing well house to help cut cost.

City Administrator Peña advised that staff had been working with Dave Jepsen of Anderson Perry to provide the information needed in order to submit the DWSRF Application. Mr. Jepsen noted the following financial impact of this project on the average residential water bill should the City receive funding from DWSRF for Well 6 (A). Based on the current average monthly residential customer water bill of approximately \$33.09, the new projected average customer water bill would be approximately \$34.87. A projected increase of \$1.78. The proposed Well 6 (A) loan request (with a 1 percent loan fee) would be \$1,295,100.

Motion Councilmember Minor moved to authorize staff to submit a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan application for Well 6 (A). Councilmember Escalera seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT A DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND (DWSRF) LOAN APPLICATION FOR CITY OF CONNELL SOUTH SIDE WATER MAINS

Public Works Director Turner requested authorization to submit a DWSRF loan application for the replacement of the water mains located on the South side of HW 260. This project would replace an old 10" water main along Hawthorn Street that supplied water to ConAgra and would tie in an 8" water main on 5th Street and Juniper Street to Columbia Avenue. This would eliminate a dead end line and would provide a looped system.

City Administrator Peña noted the following financial impact of this project on the average residential water bill should the City receive the DWSRF loan for the South Side Water Mains project. Again, the average monthly residential water bill was approximately \$33.09. The new projected average water

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bill would be approximately \$34.98, a projected increase of \$1.89. The proposed Water Mains loan request (with a 1 percent loan fee) would be \$1,376,900.

If the City was awarded and accepted both the Well No. 6 and South Side Water Mains Improvements DWSRF loan requests, the projected combined average monthly residential customer water bill would be approximately \$ 36.76, a projected increase of \$3.67.

Motion: Councilmember Escalera moved to authorize staff to submit a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan application for South Side Water Main. Councilmember Minor seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Mayor Blackwell adjourned the Special meeting at 5:27 pm.

ATTEST: _____
Marissa Canales, Accounting Clerk

Bruce Blackwell, Mayor