

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

April 15, 2013

The regular semi-monthly meeting, of the Connell City Council was called to order by Mayor Walton at 7:00 pm in the City Hall and was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Gary Walton, Mayor Pro Tem Rhonda Quinton, and Councilmembers: Lee Barrow, Monty Huber, Kathy Silva, and Ray Minor.

STAFF: Attorney Dan Hultgrenn, Police Chief Mike Kessler, Fire Chief Chris Schulte, Public Works Director Larry Turner, and City Clerk/Treasurer Maria Peña.

VISITORS: Kathy Bingham, Franklin County Graphic; Citizens Bruce Blackwell, and Robert McCurry.

CORRESPONDENCE/APPOINTMENTS

Anderson Perry provides a scholarship in the amount of \$750.00 to a high school student entering into college each year. In previous years, the scholarship opportunity has been passed on to the high school to inform students of the opportunity.

City Clerk/Treasurer Maria Peña received an email from Toot'n Towns USA in regards to promoting the city.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Councilmember Barrow moved to approve the Consent Calendar.

- a) Minutes of the Regular Council meeting March 18, 2013
(Corrected spelling of Silva)
- b) Corrected Minutes of January 22, 2013 and February 6, 2013
(added names to the visitor lists)
(Corrections: January 22, 2013, Kimmy Fonders should be Kimmy Sanders, February 6, 2013- corrected spelling of Councilmembers)
- c) Check Register 4/1/2013 for \$215.25
- d) Check Register 4/3/2013 for \$69,658.60
- e) Check Register 4/8/2013 for \$5,519.72
- f) Check Register 4/10/2013 for \$10,008.07
- g) Accounts Payable 4/15/2013 for \$186,428.68
- h) Payroll Check Register 3/15 to 3/20/2013 for \$42,530.66
- i) Payroll Check Register 3/31 to 4/5/2013 for \$65,216.90

Mayor Pro Tem Quinton seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENT/NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Walton would like the Connell Recycling Center cleanup as he has received complaints. Fire Chief Schulte advised the Mayor that cleanup was underway.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Quinton moved to approve the Agenda with the removal of item

11. Chief of Police Contract Discussion
Councilmember Silva seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

HOTEL/MOTEL ALLOCATIONS 2013

The Hotel/Motel Committee met to discuss the requests for the lodging tax funds for 2013. The committee made the following recommendations to Council:

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| 1. Connell Community Club | \$400 |
| 2. Columbia Basin Junior Livestock | \$ 2,500 |
| 3. Miss Connell Scholarship Association | \$4,500 |
| 4. Greater Connell Chamber of Commerce | \$1,500 |
| 5. Coulee Corridor Consortium | \$500 (Must link new website to the City of Connell's website and move the Corridor sign to Connell) |
| 6. Fall Festival & Car Show | \$1,500 |
| 7. Downtown Development | \$500 |

The total committee funding recommendations were \$11,400.

Councilmembers held discussion and the following were heard:

- 1) Why was there a difference in the amount of funds to the Columbia Basin Junior Livestock Show and the Fall Festival? Should the allocations be the same? It was suggested to increase the allocations to the Fall Festival and Car Show to \$2,100.
- 2) Could there be more advertising for the car show?

Motion: Councilmember Barrow moved to approve the Hotel/Motel Allocations as recommended with the Fall Festival allocation at \$2,100. Councilmember Minor seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CONTRACT FOR COMMUNICATIONS

The Franklin County Sheriff's Department and the Connell Police Department went together and submitted a proposal for a State Homeland Security Grant for radio equipment last November. In March the City and County were notified of an award of \$9555.00. The City and Franklin County would split the funding; therefore a contract was presented to Councilmembers for approval. The City of Connell would manage the grant. Councilmembers held discussion. City attorney Dan Hultgrenn had reviewed the contract.

Motion: Councilmember Silva moved to approve the Franklin County Emergency Management Professional Services Contract and the Mayor to sign the contract. Councilmember Huber seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

LEASE AGREEMENT-SIMMONS BROTHERS INVESTMENTS

Simmons Brother Investments had purchased the property adjacent to the City's Clark Park. The new owners proposed a lease agreement that involved no money to change hands but requested the city to maintain & mow the yard, in exchange for the use of the property. City Attorney Dan Hultgrenn prepared a lease agreement with the new owners.

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Motion: Councilmember Barrow moved to approve the Lease Agreement between the City of Connell and Simmons Brothers Investment for the property outlined in the Lease Agreement. Mayor Pro Tem Quinton seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT NO.6-WEST ADAMS STREET

Anderson Perry presented a final payment request for the West Adams Street Reconstruction and CIA Access Road project to POW Contracting in the amount of \$39,746.83. Payment would not be sent until all releases were received by the City.

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Quinton moved to approve Application for Payment No. 6-Final Retainage Release to POW Contracting, Inc. in the \$39,746.83. Councilmember Huber seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY ADMINISTRATORS PRIORITIES FOR 2013 –DISCUSSION

Mayor Walton suggested each Councilmember come in and visit with the new city administrator.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business before the City Council of Connell, Mayor Walton adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.

ATTEST: _____
Rose Courneya, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

Gary Walton, Mayor