

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

May 1, 2013

The regular semi-monthly meeting, of the Connell City Council was called to order by Mayor Walton at 6:00 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, City Administrator GianPaolo Mammone, 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.

CORRESPONDENCE/APPOINTMENTS

The Meals on Wheels program was looking at building a new facility in the Tri-Cities.

CONSENT CALENDAR

**Motion:** Councilmember Barrow moved to approve the Consent Calendar with changes.

- a) Minutes of the Regular Council meeting April 15, 2013  
(Correctly spell Rhonda page 1, page 2 –change wording to say “maintain and mow yard” instead of “repair”)
- b) Check Register 4/18/2013 for \$53,932.97
- c) Check Register 4/23/2013 for \$14,713.35
- d) Accounts Payable 5/1/2013 for \$75,052.33
- e) Payroll Check Register 4/15 to 4/20/2013 for \$43,840.48

Mayor Pro Tem Quinton seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENT/NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Public Works Director had new signs installed around town and asked councils opinion on the signs.

Mayor Pro Tem Quinton asked if the City was advertising for open council positions.

Mayor Walton stated the Park & Recreation Board held a meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Motion:** Councilmember Silva moved to approve the Agenda with the addition of item 11A. Chief of Police Contract

Councilmember Huber seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

SANITATION RATE UPDATE

Basin Disposal Inc., the City’s solid waste collection vendor, provided the City a notice of an increase to sanitation rates. The City is required to publish a notice of the rate increase for at least 45 days prior to implementing a rate increase. Resolution No. 2013-02 would update the Master Fee Schedule with the updated sanitation rates.

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**Motion:** Councilmember Barrow moved to approve Resolution No. 2013-02.  
Mayor Pro Tem Quinton seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

INVESTMENT UPDATE

In April of 2012 the City Council approved using some of the City's LGIP funds to purchase investment bonds and adopted an Investment Policy. City Clerk/Treasurer Maria Peña received a phone call from Peter Becker, the City's representative from Time Value Investments, that the City's bonds maturing on 10/30/2015 were being called on 4/30/2013. The City was stable financially so Clerk/Treasurer Peña didn't see any reason not to reinvest the funds into new bonds. Mayor Walton and City Clerk/Treasurer Peña had discussed the reinvestment of the city funds.

CONNELL RECYCLING CENTER CLEANUP

Fire Chief Schulte presented a power point presentation to Councilmembers on the Connell Recycling Center. The business owner was issued a copy of an "Action Plan" to get the facility cleaned up. Fire Chief Schulte was working with the business owner to bring the business into compliance.

CONNELL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

City Clerk/Treasurer Maria Peña stated a meeting was set up for Thursday May 2, 2013 for students from Columbia Basin College to begin gathering information on the "Deep Dive" project for Connell. The students would explain what they planned to do, how they planned to do it, and what the benefits would be for them and the community.

A Special Council Meeting was scheduled by the Mayor for May 2, 2013 at 7:00 pm.

POLICE CHIEF CONTRACT

City Administrator GianPaolo Mammone spoke about the contract renewal for the Chief of Police. City Attorney Dan Hultgrenn stated there were two methods to get out of the contract if council so desired. The contract had only language changes from the original contract that didn't apply to the contract renewal. City Attorney Dan Hultgrenn had reviewed the contract. Councilmembers held discussion.

**Motion:** Councilmember Barrow moved to approve the Mayor to sign the Chief of Police contract. Councilmember Minor seconded motion. Motion carried. Councilmember Quinton recused herself from the discussion.

STAFF REPORTS

New City Administrator GianPaolo Mammone thanked the council for the opportunity to work with them.

The Fall Festival was looking forward to having approximately 150 cars in town for the car show.

The Connell Community Club was working on the float.

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MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business before the City Council of Connell, Mayor Walton adjourned the meeting at 7:14 pm.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rose Courneya, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

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Gary Walton, Mayor