

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

August 19, 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 Councilmember's: Monty Huber, Lee Barrow, and Ray Minor.

EXCUSED:

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Quinton moved to excuse Councilmember Silva, seconded by Councilmember Huber. Motion carried unanimously.

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

VISITORS: Kathy Bingham, Franklin County Graphic, Citizens; Claudia Bingham, Mark Scott, Kelle Scott, and Mary Geissler.

CORRESPONDENCE/APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Walton received a letter of interest from Dave Gribble for a position on the Park & Recreation Board. Mayor Walton appointed Mr. Gribble to the Park Board to replace Gene Stocking.

Mayor Walton received liquor license renewal notices from the Washington State Liquor Control Board for Town & Country Lanes and Lep Re Kon Harvest Foods.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- a) Minutes of the Regular Council meeting August 5, 2013
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- b) Accounts Payable 8/19/2013 for \$102,466.75

Mayor Pro Tem Quinton seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Walton temporarily appointed Councilmember Huber to Finance Committee.

CITIZEN COMMENT/NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mark Scott, 644 N. Columbia Ave-Corrected minutes of 8/5/2013- should state CMC 8.08.130 instead of 0.08.030. Mr. Scott was asking Councilmember's to add cats to the City's licensing requirements.

Kelle Scott, 644 N. Columbia Ave-Mrs. Scott did some research on how other cities dealt with their cat issues. She provided a handout of her findings to the Councilmembers for review.

Councilmember Barrow asked how the signage project was coming along. Public Works Director Larry Turner stated he was still working on the signage.

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Councilmember Huber asked staff to look into the curfew ordinance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Councilmember Barrow moved to approve the Agenda as presented.
Councilmember Huber seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

FERAL CAT DISCUSSION

City Attorney Dan Hultgren reviewed the current Connell Municipal Codes 8.08.030 and 8.08.270(a). He stated other cities had taken various approaches in dealing with cats. Mr. Hultgren asked Councilmembers what direction they would like to go with the cat issue. Connell Municipal Code allowed three cats per household.

Councilmembers held discussion and the following was heard:

- 1) Spay and Neuter cat program
- 2) Relocate Cats
- 3) Enforcement issues
- 4) Feeding and harboring cats issue
- 5) Cat issue had no easy fix
- 6) If removed cats, then would have mouse & rats issues
- 7) Police force not big enough to handle animal control
- 8) Who would take on extra costs
- 9) Educate the public on cats
- 10) Look into budget for spay & neuter funds
- 11) If an existing ordinance was violated-should go to Police Department to enforce.

Unfinished Business: Bring back to next council meeting.

FINGER PRINTING FEE DISCUSSION

The City recently purchased a live fingerprinting system for about \$8,000. Police Chief Mike Kessler asked Councilmembers to approve Resolution No. 2013-06 increasing the fingerprinting fee from \$10 to \$20 for 2 cards and an additional \$5 for 3 or more cards.

Motion: Councilmember Barrow moved to approve Resolution No. 2013-06 amending the Master Fee Schedule. Councilmember Minor seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

BUILDING SERVICES CLERK POSITION

Mayor Walton would like to advertise the Building Service Clerk Position. The former clerk resigned in June of 2013. The job advertisement would go out Monday August 26, 2013 and the position would close September 30, 2013.

Council consensus was to move forward.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR DISCUSSION

Mayor Walton received a letter from Colin Baenziger & Associate requesting the city work with them on recruiting the next city administrator. Colin Baenziger Associate was a well-established local government executive hiring firm. The cost would be about \$20,000 and they guaranteed the candidate for two years. Councilmember

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Barrow would like to compare the cost between John Whitehead and Colin Baenziger & Associates. The Mayor would see if a representative from Colin Baenziger & Associates could come to the next council meeting.

FALL FESTIVAL DISCUSSION

Fall Festival requested the closure of Main Street between Adams & Borah on Friday night and Saturday night of fall festival weekend. Council Ok'D.
Council consensus was to close Elm to Birch for car drags from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Public Works Director Larry Turner let Councilmembers know that two car bashes were planned for fall festival weekend.

ACCESS ROAD-800 S FIRST AVENUE

Jake Hollopether from Anderson Perry prepared a scope/fee for surveying services for a strip of land approximately 1500 feet by 60 feet located between Juniper Street and Hawthorne Street, just west of Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block 5 of Connell Commercial Tract Subdivision. The cost for the survey would be \$4,000 to \$6,000 excluding the title company costs.

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Quinton moved to approve the survey agreement with Anderson Perry in the amount of \$4,000 to \$6,000, plus the Title Company costs. Councilmember Huber seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

STREET STRIPPING BIDS

Requests for bids on street stripping were sent out to four companies. The city received two bids back and the low bid went to Pavement Surface Control in the amount of \$10,843.20 for Main Street and the alternative add-on for \$2,671.16 to do West Clark. Total of both bids from Pavement Surface Control was \$13,514.36.

Motion: Councilmember Barrow moved to award street stripping project to Pavement Surface Control in the amount of \$13,514.36 and approve the Mayor to sign the contract. Mayor Pro Tem Quinton seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business before the City Council of Connell, Mayor Walton adjourned the meeting at 7:39 pm.

ATTEST: _____
Rose Courneya, Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer

Gary Walton, Mayor