

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

November 18, 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, Kathie Silva, and Ray Minor.

ABSENT: Councilmember Barrow

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

VISITORS: Kathy Bingham, Franklin County Graphic; Citizens: John Lindner, Robert McCurry, Burl Booker, Ryan Kelly, Mathew Kelly, Nathan Kelly, Barry Bingham, and Claudia Bingham.

CORRESPONDENCE

Association of Washington Cities was holding a training session Saturday December 7, 2013 for elected officials in Kennewick.

CONSENT CALENDAR

**Motion:** Mayor Pro Tem Quinton moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

- a) Minutes of the Regular Council meeting November 4, 2013
- b) Check Register 11/12/2013 for \$400
- c) Accounts Payable 11/18/2013 for \$82,316.02
- d) Payroll Register 10/31 to 11/5/2013 for \$61,846.97
- e) 2014 Bias Software Annual Agreement

Councilmember Minor seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENT/NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Ryan, Nathan, and Mathew Kelly from the local Boy Scout Troup attended the council meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Quinton received an email inviting councilmember's to take a tour of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Benton and Franklin Counties. The tour was scheduled Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 – 5:30 pm.

City Attorney Dan Hultgrenn provided Councilmember's a Superior court case on Councilmembers using their personal computers for city business.

Police Chief Interim Alan Chertok spoke about the police academy timelines and let the council know the city currently had 10 working police reserve officers.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Motion:** Councilmember Silva moved to approve the Agenda as presented.  
Councilmember Minor seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING -2014 FINAL BUDGET**

Mayor Walton recessed the regular meeting at 6:17 pm and opened a Public Hearing for the purpose of discussing the 2014 Final Budget.

*STAFF REPORT:* City Clerk/Treasurer Maria Peña provided Councilmembers with an updated 2014 Budget and explained the two changes she had made since the last presentation of the 2014 budget.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Citizen Robert McCurry asked if there were funds for chip sealing the city streets in the 2014 budget. Public Works Director Turner responded yes.

**COUNCILMEMBERS COMMENT PORTION OF THE HEARING:**

Mayor Pro Tem Quinton would like a BARS description reviewed and changed.  
Mayor Walton spoke on funds budgeted for parks and recreation.  
Councilmember Minor asked about weed control.

Mayor Walton closed the hearing and opened regular meeting at 6:26 pm.

**RESOLUTION SETTING THE SALARY SCHEDULE FOR 2014**

Annually the Council approves a salary schedule in conjunction with the adoption of the Budget. The 2014 salary classification matrix was increased 2% for non-represented employees and 0 % for represented employees that were currently in negotiations. City Clerk/Treasurer Peña reviewed the 2014 Salary Resolution with Councilmembers.

**Motion:** Councilmember Minor moved to approve Resolution 2013-11 authorizing the 2014 Salary Schedule. Councilmember Huber seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADOPTION OF THE 2014 BUDGET**

The 2014 Final Budget was presented to Council for consideration and adoption. City Clerk/Treasurer Peña stated the 2014 Budget was finalized unless Councilmembers had changes they would still like done.

**Motion:** Councilmember Minor moved to adopt Ordinance No. 942-2013 setting the City of Connell 2014 Budget. Mayor Pro Tem Quinton seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**COMPUTER NETWORK MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT-DEFUZION**

Public Works Director Turner had received two computer maintenance service quotes. Steele's Computer and Defuzion Computer both presented quotes for maintaining the cities computer system. Mr. Turner's recommendation was to award the computer

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contract to Steele's Computer. City Clerk/Treasurer Peña informed Councilmembers they would still see a charge of \$400 a month from Defuzion for the computer back up service.

**Motion:** Councilmember Silva moved to switch the computer maintenance services to Steele Computers. Councilmember Huber seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

POLICE OFFICER/ANIMAL CONTROL POSITION-JOB DESCRIPTION

Police Chief Interim Alan Chertok created a Police Officer/Animal Control job description. The Police Officer/Animal Control officer position was added to the City's 2014 Budget. The person hire for this position would receive specialized training in animal control.

**Motion:** Mayor Pro Tem Quinton moved to approve the job description and classification of Police Officer/Animal control position. Councilmember Huber seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business before the City Council of Connell, Mayor Walton adjourned the meeting at 6:53 pm.

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

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Gary Walton, Mayor