

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

December 2, 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, Kathie Silva, and Ray Minor.

STAFF: Attorney Dan Hultgrenn, Police Chief Interim Alan Chertok, and City Clerk/Treasurer Maria Peña.

VISITORS: Kathy Bingham, Franklin County Graphic; Bruce Blackwell, Mayor Elect; John Darrington, Colin Baenziger & Associates; Citizens: Burl Booker, and John Lindner.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Miss Connell Program expressed gratitude to the City for its support.

Mid Columbia Library thanked the City for the venue to hold the annual Jack-O Lantern Spook Night.

Mayor Walton received liquor licenses renewal notices from the Washington State Liquor Board for Pizza Station, and Steele's Got Liquor.

Association of Washington Cities set Mayor Walton information on scholarships they offer to young leaders.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Councilmember Silva moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

a) Minutes of the Regular Council meeting November 18, 2013

(Correction Scott to Scout)

b) Mid Columbia Meals on Wheels Memorandum of Understanding

c) Accounts Payable 12/2/2013 for \$59,703.47

d) Payroll Check Register 11/15 -11/20/2013 for \$43,417.45

Mayor Pro Tem Quinton seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENT/NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Police Chief Interim Alan Chertok received a letter of appreciation for the Connell Police Department's Shane Thorson's help unlocking a car.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Franklin County Interlocal Agreement

Councilmember Barrow seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT-FRANKLIN COUNTY- RADIO SITE

Mayor Walton reviewed the Interlocal Agreement between Franklin County and the City of Connell to put in a 100 foot tower for radio communications. There would be no cost to the city for the tower but the City would split the other set up costs at a rate of 50% with Franklin County.

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Motion: Councilmember Barrow moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Franklin County for a radio tower for communications. Councilmember Minor seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CANDIDATES FOR CITY ADMINISTRATOR POSITION-JOHN DARRINGTON

John Darrington explained the next process for hiring a new city administrator would be to hold an executive session to consider qualifications for public employment. The interviews were scheduled for December 13th & 14th.

MEETING RECESSED

At 6:19 pm Mayor Walton announced an Executive Session for 30 minutes to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment.

Mayor Walton came out of the executive session at 6:50 pm to extend the meeting for another 30 minutes.

Mayor Walton came out of the executive session at 7:20 pm to extend the meeting for another 30 minutes.

MEETING RECONVENED

Mayor Walton reconvened the Regular Meeting at 7:50 pm.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business before the City Council of Connell, Mayor Walton adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm.

ATTEST: _____
Rose Courneya, Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer

Gary Walton, Mayor