

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

April 6, 2015

The regular semi-monthly meeting, of the Connell City Council was called to order by Mayor Blackwell at 6:00 pm in the City Hall and was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Bruce Blackwell, Mayor Pro Tem Monty Huber, and Councilmember's: Joe Escalera, Rhonda Quinton, and Ray Minor.

EXCUSED: Mayor Pro Tem Huber moved to excuse Councilmember Silva. Councilmember Minor seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

STAFF: City Administrator Jed Crowther, Public Works Director Larry Turner, and City Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Rose Courneya.

VISITORS: Kathy Bingham, Franklin County Graphic

CORRESPONDENCE/APPOINTMENTS

Franklin County Planning and Building Department informed the city of a Public Hearing on May 5, 2015 for a Comprehensive Plan Amendment.

The City of Connell was presented with a Spirit of Hope Certificate from the Community Action Connections.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- a) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting March 16, 2015
(Correction: add Councilmember Kathie Silva to Present)
- b) Check Register 4/1/2015 for \$222.98
- c) Accounts Payable 4/6/2015 for \$93,192.10
- d) Payroll Register 3/15-3/20/2015 for \$54,890.82
- e) Payroll Register 3/31-4/5/2015 for \$84,843.65

Mayor Pro Tem Huber seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Councilmember Quinton approved agenda with the removal of Item #8 Housing Authority Presentation. Mayor Pro Tem Huber seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION BOARD AWARD ACCEPTANCE

Washington State Department of Commerce, Community Economic Revitalization Board awarded a \$50,000 Planning Grant on March 19, 2015 to the City of Connell for the Connell Rail Interchange. An award letter was sent to the City of Connell for acceptance on the initial offer of financial aid.

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Motion: Councilmember Quinton moved to accept the CERB award to the City of Connell in the amount of \$50,000. Councilmember Escalera seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AWARD

The Department of Health awarded the City of Connell a Planning Grant of \$25,000 for Well #6 Engineering Report.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT REVIEW

The Community Development Block Grant applications were due by June 1st. This year the city had three sewer projects staff was considering for the CDBG grant application program.

COMMITTEE / DEPARTMENT REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR-Larry Turner

- 1) Pioneer Park Pavilion work starting
- 2) Quiet Zone work also starting shortly
- 3) Updating Water System Plan
- 4) Bitamous Surface Treatment-ADA
- 5) Community Development Block Grant
- 6) Surveying –Connell Park Estates Done- Tennis Court work soon
- 7) Hosting TIB workshop in June
- 8) Working with Franklin County on GIS Mapping
- 9) Well 6 Investigation

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business before the City Council of Connell, Mayor Blackwell adjourned the meeting at 6:31 pm.

ATTEST: _____
Rose Courneya, Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer

Bruce Blackwell, Mayor