

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

August 17, 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, Kathie Silva, Rhonda Quinton and Ray Minor.

STAFF: Attorney Dan Hultgrenn, City Administrator Jed Crowther, Public Works Director Larry Turner, Police Chief Chris Turner, Building Service Clerk Sterling Joyner, and City Clerk/Treasurer Maria Peña

VISITORS: Kathy Bingham, Franklin County Graphic: Citizens: Jim Klindworth, Manny Choi, Elena Howard, Eloyce Mundall; Randy Hayden, Gary Ballew, Port of Pasco; Jay Decker, HDR; and Mr. Zucher, Burl Booker.

CORRESPONDENCE/APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Blackwell appointed City Administrator Jed Crowther to Park Board as the North Franklin School District Liaison.

Mayor Blackwell received liquor licenses renewals for Lep-Re-Kon Marts, Inc and R& M Hansen, Inc. from the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Councilmember Quinton moved to approve the Consent Calendar as changed.

- a) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting August 3, 2015
- b) Minutes of the Town Hall Meeting August 10, 2015
- c) Check Register 8/03/2015 for \$227.15
- d) Accounts Payable 8/27/2015 for \$120,411.96
- e) Payroll Check Register 7/31-8/05/2015 for \$94,458.47

Councilmember Escalera seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Councilmember Minor moved to approve the updated agenda as presented. Councilmember Huber seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING-ALLEY VACATE

Mayor Blackwell recessed the regular meeting at 6:05 pm and opened a Public Hearing for the purpose of discussion of intent to vacate an alley located west of North 5th Avenue between West Clark Street and West Davis Street.

STAFF REPORT:

Building Service Clerk Sterling Joyner stated it was a two step process to vacate an alley within the City. Council had passed Resolution No. 2015-13 and set the

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Public Hearing date for the alley vacate. Mr. Joyner reviewed the Findings of Fact and recommended Councilmembers adopt Ordinance No. 956-2015.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

COUNCILMEMBERS COMMENT PORTION OF THE HEARING: None

Mayor Blackwell closed the hearing and opened regular meeting at 6:09 pm.

Motion: Councilmember Minor moved to adopt Ordinance No. 956-2015.
Councilmember Silva seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

DAIRY PROCESSOR STUDY-PRESENTATION BY HDR ENGINEERING

City Administrator Jed Crowther introduced Port of Pasco staff members. The Port of Pasco obtained a CERB planning grant. Jay Decker from HDR Engineering provided a power point presentation that covered the targeted industry analysis for the Connell Industrial Area.

The study focus included:

- Regional Milk Production & Potential for Growth
- Transportation of Production Materials
- Wastewater Treatment, Operational Business Model, and Cost
- Other Utility Analysis & Conceptual Planning
- Dairy Product Distribution

Mr. Decker reviewed the summary of the results of the study with Councilmembers and answered questions. Gary Ballew from the Port of Pasco spoke on the next steps and what competitive advantages Connell had. The study would now be put into a marketing pamphlet. Councilmembers held discussion.

EMAIL SPAM FIREWALL-DEVFUZION

The City's current email spam catcher was not working properly and needed to be updated. Devfuzion provided the City with an estimate of \$3,753.00 for a Spam Firewall to manage all inbound and outbound email traffic. Staff recommends that Councilmembers approve the expenditure of \$3,753.00.

Motion: Councilmember Silva moved to approve expenditure of \$3,753.00 including tax to Devfuzion for Spam Firewall. Councilmember Minor seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously

COMMITTEE / DEPARTMENT REPORTS

CITY ADMINISTRATOR-Jed Crowther

- 1) Port of Pasco holds one meeting in Connell each year. The date was August 20, 2015 at 9am at Michael Jay's
- 2) Port of Pasco invited Mayor and Councilmembers to 75 year celebration
- 3) Grant resources have been found for nonprofits in Connell

CITY CLERK/TREASURER-Maria Pena

- 1) Month end financial reports were done and handed out
- 2) Gone to AWC Budget conference

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PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR-Larry Turner

- 1) Post Office mural getting ready to be painted
- 2) Pulled Dead Trees off Main Street
- 3) Pool closing
- 4) Getting ready for Fall Festival
- 5) Code enforcement list was attached to the Council packets

POLICE CHIEF-Chris Turner

- 1) Police department quite
- 2) Bicycles and Skate Boards not allowed on sidewalks-Contacting individuals

FIRE CHIEF-Chris Schulte

- 1) Still out fighting fires

Mayor Blackwell would like school district to do some train safety classes.

Kathy Bingham had spoken to railroad about training.

Kathie Silva stated no Winterfest this year unless someone steps up to take charge.

Councilmember Silva wanted to know how long citizens get comply with code enforcement.

Councilmember Escalera would like something code enforcement done at 152 E Gum.

Building Service Clerk was currently working on that location.

Public Works Director Turner stated citizens need to fill out complaint forms if they have an issue with something.

MEETING RECESSED

At 7:31 pm Mayor Blackwell announced an Executive Session for 10 minutes to consider the minimum price to which real estate will be offered for lease or sale.

MEETING RECONVENED

Mayor Blackwell reconvened the Regular Meeting at 7:41 pm and the following was heard:

City had listed the former Pharmacy building for sale at the appraised value of \$85,000 for the past two month.

Motion: Councilmember Huber moved to reduce sale price of the former Pharmacy building to \$70,000. Councilmember Minor seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business before the City Council of Connell, Mayor Blackwell adjourned the meeting at 7:43 pm.

ATTEST: _____

Bruce Blackwell, Mayor

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Rose Courneya, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer