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

August 15, 2016

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 Huber, and Councilmember's: Ray Minor, Katherine Silva, Rhonda Quinton and Joe Escalera.

STAFF: Fire Chief Chris Schulte, Police Chief Chris Turner, Public Works Director Larry Turner, Clerk/Treasurer Rose Courneya, Accounting Clerk Marissa Canales and Attorney Dan Hultgrenn.

VISITORS: Kathy Bingham, Franklin County Graphic; Helen Tobin, Fall Festival; Bridget Smith, Fall Festival; Pat Barrera, Citizen; Jerry Sackmann, Citizen; Regina Grassl, Citizen; John Linder, Citizen;

## CORRESPONDENCE/PRESENTATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

Franklin Co. Emergency Management donated the city an Onan 20Kw generator in fair condition; Mayor Blackwell thanked Fire Chief Schulte.

Numerous Plat Hearings for Franklin County were posted on the City Hall Bulletin Board.

Mayor Blackwell re-appointed Jeaniffer Ang Kaiser and appointed Lilly Johnson to The Park Board.

***Motion:*** Councilmember Quinton moved to approve the reappointment for Jeaniffer Ang Kaiser and the appointment for Lilly Johnson to The Park Board. Councilmember Escalera seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

## CONSENT CALENDAR

***Motion:*** Councilmember Silva moved to approve the Consent Calendar as listed:

a) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting July 18, 2016
b) Check Register July 19, 2016 for $6,300
c) Check Register August 1, 2016 for $41,419.37
d) Check Register August 9, 2016 for $30.00
e) Accounts Payable August 15, 2016 for $82,709.17
f) Payroll Check Register 7/15-7/20/2016 for $56,770.60
g) Payroll Check Register 7/31/16 to 8/5/2016 for $85,399.04

Councilmember Minor seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

## PRESENTATIONS FOR COUNCILMEMBERS

Police Chief Chris Turner presented employee Sgt. Brad Quinton with a plaque in appreciation for 15 years of service and dedication to the City Of Connell.

Fire Chief Chris Schulte reported The Bybee Creek Fire Incident Report and thanked the team for being able to serve.

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

***Motion:*** Councilmember Quinton moved to approve the agenda with change of the removal of #8 Closed Record Hearing revisions to CMC Title 8 Animals & Title 17 Zoning. Councilmember Silva seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

BUDGET 101 CLASS
City Clerk Treasurer Rose Courneya briefed the council with an upcoming informational Budget 101 Class, presented by City Administrator Maria Peña at the next Town Hall Meeting September 12, 2016. City Administrator Peña would discuss the budget process for Connell and answer questions.

WATER SYSTEM PLAN (WSP) APPROVAL
Public Works Director Larry Turner presented council with the Water System Plan. Department of Health had already reviewed and gone through the draft and would now need Council's approval. Upon council's approval, he would forward an official letter to DOH.

***Motion:*** Councilmember Minor moved to approve the Water System Plan. Mayor Pro Tem Huber seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

## COMMITTEE / DEPARTMENT REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS- Larry Turner
1) Corridor Inspector notified Public Works crew on a few spots on the Esquatzel that needed work and crews were dealing with repairs to prevent erosions and water breaks.
2) Well houses have been maintained.

POLICE DEPARTMENT – Police Chief Chris Turner
1) Looking forward for school to start, kids causing issues: lighting up fireworks, throwing rocks at buildings Friday and Saturday nights.

2) Gearing up for Fall Festival.
3) Emergency driver's vehicle trainings later in the month for all officers.
4) Mayor Blackwell suggested to Chief Turner to consider a yearly talk on train safety at the School District.

FIRE CHIEF- Chris Schulte
Conducted the first live fire exercise with the camera on the ladder truck, still an experiment in progress. Will keep council informed once he figured out how to make it work.

## CITIZEN COMMENT/NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Fall Festival Helen Tobin -
Spoke on Fall Festival, ready and lined up for 2016. This year the public was able to download vendor and registration forms from Fall Festival website. Appreciated Ed Brown and Public Works for hanging up the banner across Columbia Avenue and all the work they provided for Fall Festival Committee. She also acknowledged the support of the city.

Jerry Sackmann-
Voiced he had collected twenty-seven signatures from kids that would like a Soccer League within the city. Pastor Sam from New Life Church also had an additional twenty signatures. Mr. Sackmann asked if the City would help these forty-seven kids with forming an after school Soccer League. He knew parents and coaches who would volunteer. He pointed out that businesses within the city could help sponsor.

Regina Grassl-
Concerned with the city pool and next year's budget.

Helen Tobin-
Reminded city council that new City Administrator Maria Peña needed goals and expectations and they needed to give her direction. She hoped that everyone was on the same page.

CITY COUNCIL CLOSING REMARKS
1) Felt City should look into the Soccer League Program
2) Believed citizens of Connell should support current businesses
3) Would like to see a council retreat to set goals and have City Administrator input

## MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business before the City Council of Connell Mayor Blackwell adjourned the meeting at 6:41 pm.

Bruce Blackwell
Bruce Blackwell, Mayor

ATTEST: Marissa Canales
Marissa Canales, Accounting Clerk