

COLFAX CITY COUNCIL
August 2, 2021

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Pro Tem Kackman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

Golden, Guenther, Christopherson, Mackleit, Miller and Kackman: Present. Huntwork: Absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was entered by Guenther, seconded by Golden to approve the minutes from the July 19, 2021 Council meeting. Roll Call: All Yes.

GOOD OF THE CITY:

Christopherson informed the council that KHQ has a new jingle that includes a clip of Colfax Bulldogs.

BILLS AND CLAIMS:

A motion was entered by Guenther, seconded by Golden to approve all bills and claims as presented. Roll Call: All Yes.

CLAIMS	PAYROLL
6692, 6718-6750	6693-6717
\$26,788.81	\$54,537.97

GRAND TOTAL: \$81,326.78

CITIZENS REQUEST:

Citizens Drew and Tammy Peterson expressed concern about the bathrooms at McDonald Park. There are broken toilets, broken latches on the stalls and are in need of a good cleaning. Kackman explained that McDonald Park has a steering committee that consists of city and school district members and meets on an as needed basis. He went on to say there is a contract with a contractor to do maintenance at the park, some of these issues relate to the contractor and some relate to how the city and school district's money that they put into the park gets spent and what priorities there are to make the money go as far as it can go. The request is entirely reasonable.

Hammer stated that he can ask the contractor to step up his game.

Golden stated this is something they can talk about in the upcoming Park Board Meeting August 16th. They are currently working on a capital planning exercise going through all the parks and what can be improved.

Tammy Peterson asked about an A/C unit for the upstairs of the clubhouse, the current one does not work at all.

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City Administrator Chris Mathis stated hand dryers and hand sanitizers have been on back order for city parks for over a year now.

The cleanliness item can be dealt with immediately, the capital improvement items are a department head budget thing. Beyond that if the budget doesn't allow for items then it goes to Park Board, Steering Committee then to City Council for allocation of resources.

Mackleit asked what the responsibility is of the school for McDonald Park.

Mathis stated it is a financial responsibility.

Kackman stated unfortunately we don't have the resources to pay what actually needs done and right now we get more out the current contractor then we could get from anyone else.

Hammer stated he will have a conversation with Parrish.

Drew Peterson asked about the shed/ batting cages that have been talked about for McDonald Park.

Kackman again stated the allocation of the limited resources; the school district has the baseball program the city doesn't. The steering committee has had the conversation it is something the Steering Committee and the Park Board have discussed and need to work through.

Hammer stated it is up to the citizens to raise the money for this project.

Kackman pointed out that the McDonald Park was built on the backs of volunteers and donations. It is one of the nicest facilities in the region.

NEW BUSINESS:

Kackman read the Childhood Cancer Awareness Proclamation that was signed by Mayor Retzer.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Police:

Police Chief Bruce Blood reported the council will see a reduction in contract cost with the WCSO, Sunday August 1st was Officer Paris first shift by himself.

Blood announced the city has received \$27,424 in grant funding for wage replacement while Tyler Paris was in the academy.

Thursday Blood will drive to Burien for Chase Kurtz's Graduation from the academy. Kurtz will begin FTO training on Monday August 9th.

Kackman interjected he appreciates the police efforts in keeping our community safe.

Blood stated training for the new laws will be Thursdays for all of the officers to make sure they are up to date on everything.

Fire:

Fire Chief Michael Chapman reported the two new hires for the full time firefighter positions are progressing nicely.

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The department is $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way through hose testing and will be out hydrant testing around town.

Public Works:

Public Works Director Matt Hammer reported the East Street water line project will start today and go for 2 weeks.

Wednesday public works will be conducting smoke testing for the sewer lines. Hammer stated they will be blowing smoke into the existing sewer collection system which will reveal sources of leaks. 1996 was the last time this test was done.

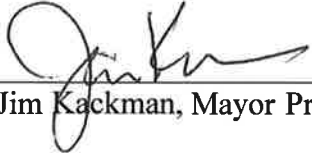
Administration:

City Administrator Chris Mathis reported the DRS audit is wrapping up.

Mathis notified the council another application was received for the Building Inspector position. Contractors in the area are out trying to recruit for us.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Retzer adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.



Jim Kackman, Mayor Pro Tem



Lynda Kramlich, City Clerk