

COLFAX CITY COUNCIL
January 3, 2022

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Retzer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

OATH OF OFFICE: Golden, McRae, Schaefer and Guenther took the Oath of Office.

ROLL CALL:

Golden, McRae, Schaefer, Mackleit, Guenther, Kackman and Huntwork: Present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was entered by Guenther, seconded by Golden to approve the minutes from the December 20, 2021 Council meeting. Roll Call: All Yes.

GOOD OF THE CITY:

We have plenty of snow.

Thanks to Public Works for taking care of all the roads and keeping up with all of the snow.

BILLS AND CLAIMS:

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

CLAIMS

7174-7190

\$5,296.28

PAYROLL

7169-7173 & EFT

\$35,811.44

GRAND TOTAL: \$41,107.42

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 22-01- Shoreline Management Act-

Mathis stated this is an interlocal agreement between the county and the Cities of Pullman, Colfax, Palouse, Albion, Rosalia and Tekoa to update the Shoreline Master Plan. Alan Thomson from the county is heading this up and the cities will be working together to apply for a grant from the Department of Ecology to update the Shoreline Master Plan. The update needs to be updated by 2023. This is a 5 year update and is a requirement from the state that affects land use next to the river. Any waterway over a certain flow is considered shorelines of statewide significance and subject to regulations. The State Department of Ecology is in charge administrating rules on what communities do with these shorelines. They are divided up into zoning districts commercial or no development areas and when there is going to be a substantial development in these areas there is an extra permit a person will need to get. In the past Ecology has gotten pretty heavy handed when it comes to what they expect communities to do to protect

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these waterways. This agreement with the county is a great idea and Alan Thomson will do a great job. Colfax is unique with the concrete river channel we have different environmental functions and values. Kackman would like to make sure there are not a bunch of regulations that preclude or prohibit commercial development downtown because it is next to a concrete river channel. If we watch out for that we will be fine. Every jurisdiction that has a shoreline of statewide significance running through it will be part of this consortium and each will be responsible of approving their particular area under the guise of the county umbrella. This will go through the planning commission then come back to city council.

A motion was entered by Kackman, seconded by Huntwork to approve Resolution 22-01 Shoreline Management Act with the Whitman County. Roll Call: All Yes.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Public Works:

Hammer reported they are still working on the Clay Street Well, everything is moving along well.

Hammer stated they are 3rd in line for the front end loader, they won't know until February. Hammer heard that the State DOT out of Walla Walla could have one come available later this year.

Administration:

Mathis wanted to clarify after reading the minutes from last meeting about the MPD dollar amount transfer in the \$30,000 range. The first meeting this year was either June or July and that dollar amount was in the \$50 plus thousand dollar range, so this was just the remaining of what we thought we would get. We often get more in the spring because a lot of people pay all of their taxes at the beginning of the year.

Police:

Retzer reported he and Chief Blood took a trip across the state to pick up the new to us 2017 Ford Explorer, it has 130,000 miles on it. Blood had the decals put on today and Public Works Jeff Batterton will put in the radio and computer equipment.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Retzer mentioned the Kramlich house fire.

Committee assignments will be done next meeting. The committees are: Fianance, Personnel, Public Works, Public Safety and Mayor Pro Tem. There are 3 members on each one with an alternate.

MAYORS REPORT:

Retzer thanked the new council members glad to see them here and is excited to work with them in the next years.

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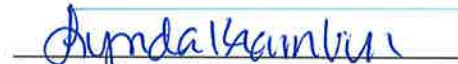
Kackman encouraged the new council members to get on the website and look at the 2022 Budget and the Colfax Municipal Code to get familiar with them.

ADJOURNMENT:

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



Jim Retzer, Mayor



Lynda Kramlich, City Clerk