

**COLFAX CITY COUNCIL**  
**January 6, 2025**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**ROLL CALL:**

Golden, Schaefer, Mackleit, Guenther and Huntwork: Present. McRae and Sevedge: Absent. A motion was entered by Golden, seconded by Schaefer to excuse McRae and Sevedge. Roll Call: All Yes.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion was entered by Golden, seconded by Huntwork to approve the minutes from the December 16, 2024 Council meeting. Roll Call: All Yes.

**GOOD OF THE CITY:**

Snow removal has been great, as there has not been any snow.

School is back in session after the Christmas break.

**BILLS AND CLAIMS:**

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

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<b>CLAIMS</b>	<b>PAYROLL</b>
#10400-10435 & EFT	#10374-10399 & EFT
\$325,238.94	\$83,451.30

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**GRAND TOTAL: \$408,690.24**

**CITIZENS REQUEST:**

Colfax Chamber President Gary Young updated the council on the skatepark. The Chamber, Colfax Kiwanis and the Colfax Eagles clubs have committed money to go towards the repairs for the skatepark. The Colfax Rotary and Thrifty Grandmother's Club will meet next week to discuss the amount they can donate. Young asked the groups that all the money be committed by March. The Chamber will place donation cans at local stores to help in their efforts to raise money. The goal amount is \$37,000.

Hillary Hoffman stated she received the quote for repairs from the American Ramp Company.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**PRESENTATION/WORK STUDY:**

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Resolution 25-01 – Police Guild Contract 2025-2027:**

Retzer stated the 2025-2027 Police Guild Contract main updates are:

Shift differential

Pay increase

Sign on bonus

Sergeant position

5% FTO pay

Adjusted longevity terms

A motion was entered by Huntwork, seconded by Guenthner to accept the 2025-2027 Police Guild Contract. Roll Call: All Yes.

Retzer informed the council police interviews will be held Thursday, two for the chief and one entry level.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

Fire:

Firefighter OIC John Lautenslager reported stats for 2024: There were 1083 calls, 537 of calls were within city limits and totaled 436-man hours.

Fire and WCSO responded to a report of a canoe in the river by Zip's, after verifying no victims were in the river, it was thought to have been washed down from upriver. Lautenslager reported the green canoe is still in the flood control, once water is down, they will retrieve it.

Police:

No Report.

Public Works:

No snow.

Administration:

Finishing up year end and start of new year. Also preparing for oral boards coming up this week.

**COMMITTEE/BOARD/COMISSION REPORTS:**

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

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**CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

Retzer introduced Hannah Kimball, she is taking over for John Kragt, as our new city attorney. Kimball has been working with Kragt the last couple of years and will take over as of January 1, 2025.

John Kragt has been the city attorney for 10 years.

**MAYORS REPORT:**


Retzer stated it has been a great end of the year. Winterfest was a success, there are new businesses downtown and he is excited to see what can be done with the police department in this coming year. Cody Johnson will graduate from the academy January 28<sup>th</sup>.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Retzer adjourned the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

  
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Jim Retzer, Mayor

  
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Lynda Kramlich, City Clerk