

COLFAX CITY COUNCIL
March 1, 2021

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Retzer called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was entered by Kackman, seconded by Huntwork to approve the minutes from the February 16, 2021 Council meeting. Roll Call: All Yes.

GOOD OF THE CITY:

BILLS AND CLAIMS:

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

CLAIMS	PAYROLL
6176-6199 & EFT	6165-6175, 6200-6204 & EFT
\$96,167.27	\$89,258.66

GRAND TOTAL: \$185,425.93

CITIZENS REQUEST:

Donna Huntwork asked the council if they would consider allowing chickens in city limits. Huntwork sits on the Planning Commission and they are currently working on the animal code and would like to know if the council would entertain the idea of including chickens in the code. Golden stated the planning commission has been working on the animal code for some time now and he would like to see something come forward to the council. Miller agreed he would like to see it come to council.

PUBLIC HEARING:

2021-2026 Transportation Improvement Plan:

Mayor Retzer opened the public hearing at 7:10 p.m.

Public Works Director Matt Hammer stated he added Hillcrest to the list as requested from council last meeting.

Retzer asked for public comment in favor of the 2021-2026 TIP. There were none.

Retzer asked for public comment against the 2021-2026 TIP. There were none.

Retzer asked for any further comments. There were none.

Retzer closed the public hearing at 7:12 p.m.

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A motion was entered by Kackman, seconded by Golden to approve Resolution 21-01- 2021-2026 Transportation Improvement Plan. Roll Call: All Yes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Resolution 21-02 McDonald Park Maintenance Agreement:

Mackleit commented that he doesn't think we could ask for somebody who is going to care and put their heart into what Mr. Parrish does, we couldn't ask for anybody to do a better job.

Christopherson asked about section IX Progress Payments, it states payments commence in April and skips May with the next payment is June. Kramlich will make that correction.

Kackman wanted to confirm the number of months to be paid. Hammer replied the total is \$16,000 and 8 month duration.

Hammer stated the only change he made is rather than a yearly contract it is a 5 year contract.

We still have the option to opt out if we so choose, with a 5 year contract we won't need to bring to council each year.

A motion was entered by Golden, seconded by Mackleit to approve Resolution 21-02- McDonald Park Property Maintenance Contract 2021-2025. Roll Call: All Yes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Agenda Bill 21-02- Update CMC 15.02 Construction Code:

Building and Community Development Steve Bretveld introduced the update to the International Building Code. The International Building Code adopted by the State of Washington is on a three year cycle. The 2018 code is generally adopted in July 2019; however it was delayed for State revisions and delayed due to COVID. The State of Washington adopted the 2018 State Building consisting of the IRC, IBC, IEBC, IFC, WSEC, IMC, and UPC on February 1, 2021. Per WAC 51-50 and RCW 19.27 each municipality must adopt as well. Bretveld went on to say Whitman County and Pullman both allow a dollar amount threshold per year for building that would not require a permit. This is being proposed for this code update as well with a threshold of \$500 per year, mirroring the County. This would not include any building additions, structural changes, mechanical or plumbing.

Mackleit spoke about the updated stringent energy building codes that are changing significantly on new builds. Bretveld confirmed the city has adopted these February 1st, it is part of their 2035 Energy Plan.

Kackman asked if we can adopt this new code but maintain the 2015 energy codes.

Bretveld does not believe we can pick and choose. He will look into that and see if it is an option.

Kackman stated that like most state mandates we will likely have to comply.

Resolution 21-03- Renaming Park- Stan McClintock Lookout Park- to Stan and Lynn McClintock Lookout Park-

The McClintock family has submitted a request to add Lynn's name to the Stan McClintock Lookout Park. The McClintock family spent well over 40 years caring and maintaining City of

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Colfax Parks. The Park Board met on February 16th and approved the renaming to Stan and Lynne McClintock Lookout Park.

A motion was entered Golden, seconded by Kackman to approve Resolution 21-03 renaming Stan McClintock Lookout Park to Stan and Lynn McClintock Lookout Park. Roll Call: All Yes.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Public Works:

Hammer has been approached by an individual interested in purchasing the site the old water reservoir next to Hauser Addition. Hammer reported we don't use it currently and the site is in need of repairs due to safety issues. It needs to be filled in, a new roof on the structure and disconnected from the water system. There are valves preventing it from cross contamination but at some point we need to take care of disconnecting. Our options are to do the necessary repairs and hold it for any future needs or we sell and the new owner can make the necessary repairs to make it safe. Hammer spoke with a real estate agent who estimated the value to be between \$20,000 and \$40,000.

Kackman requested Hammer put together information of the site a map of the property and where this structure sits compared to the Hauser neighborhood.

Christopherson asked what the buyer wants to do with it. Retzer replied at this time the buyer is looking at purchasing the land Bob Hauser has for sale adjacent to the water reservoir and is going to us it as an investment property.

Hammer will put together the information for the council to review.

Fire:

Fire Chief Craig Corbeill reported the department held a training burn last Saturday. The location was a house in the 1200 block of South Mill behind the old St Ignatius Hospital. The weather was ideal with the wind was in their favor as they didn't smoke out town. They were at the site from 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. with 26 firefighters participating in the training: 3 full time, 17 volunteers, 2 from Albion and 4 from Diamond. The training consisted of groups of 5 or 6 volunteers going into the building at 4 different times. This allowed for a lot of good training for all involved. The groups were able to experience fire behavior and the heat of a live fire before eventually letting it go and burned the structure to the ground. The department is thankful for the landowner who donated the house for the training. Corbeill stated they had a few minor equipment losses due to normal wear and tear. One thing Corebeill learned this go around is he will put something in the paper to alert the public of such trainings in the futuer. His thought was he didn't want a bunch of onlookers up there but as it was with all the smoke and activity he had them anyways, so next time he will put a notice in the paper. Whitcom did know about it and were able to field many of the calls.

Corbeill sadly reported one of our Full Time Firefighters Jake Smith has accepted a position with the City of Spokane Fire Department. His last day will be this Friday March 5th with the city.

The department will be going through the hiring process again, Corbeill stated if we are fortunate enough to get someone like Jake Smith we will be in pretty good shape. Corebeill will always be

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indebted to Smith for his leadership for the last few months he has had him in that role. Smith has helped lead and direct the department in these last few months. He is willing to continue helping our department on his days off, he still wants to help and grow our department and move our department in the right direction. Corbeill, Retzer and Chris Mathis have a plan for the hiring process it just takes time we want to do expeditiously and correctly. The Civil Service Commission will meet tomorrow Corbeill will keep the council updated as we move through the process.

Police:

Chief Bruce Blood reported the car we acquired from the county is fully operational now and on the road. It's a wonderful acquisition and the officers are very receptive of this, a very positive note to get a car like this and hoping the reliability stays true.

Today was the first day for our brand new candidate for police officer. Chase Kurtz is our newest officer, Blood reported they have him out showing him around town, on a few traffic stops today and a few other incidents.

MAYORS REPORT:

Retzer reported he and Mathis attended the AWC Conference via Zoom and got to see some of the things going on in the Legislature. The hot topic was Police Reform, adjustment are being made daily on that. We won't know until the middle of the month what that will entail and what training the police will have to adapt to. Retzer is certain we will be ready for that.

The East Side Mayors got together and sent a letter to Governor Inslee expressing concerns about coming up with a phase 3 reopening. Included in the letter were ideas of the things they would like to see happen for a phase 3. Retzer appreciated Spokane Mayor Nadine Woodward and staff preparing this letter that included 13 East Region Mayor's signatures.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Retzer adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.



Jim Retzer, Mayor



Lynda Kramlich, City Clerk