

**COLFAX CITY COUNCIL**  
**April 3, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion was entered by Guentner, seconded by Mackleit to approve the minutes from the March 20, 2023 Council meeting. Roll Call: All Yes.

**GOOD OF THE CITY:**

St Baldrick's is coming up at the high school; the goal for this year is to raise \$20,000

K-6<sup>th</sup> grade held a penny drive and they brought in just short of \$1,700.

**BILLS AND CLAIMS:**

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

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CLAIMS	PAYROLL
#8572-8588	#8561-8571 & EFT
\$9,725.24	\$78,701.37

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**GRAND TOTAL: \$88,426.61**

**CITIZENS REQUEST:**

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**PRESENTATION/WORK STUDY:**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Port of Whitman/City of Colfax Water Agreement:**

Retzer informed the council updates and changes have been made by Attorney John Kragt, Public Works Matt Hammer, Councilman Kackman and City Administrator Chris Mathis and are ready for discussion with the council.

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Hammer stated once this agreement is updated and approved it will be added to the Master Water Plan. Hammer went on to say city staff services have been removed from the agreement.

Concerns from council include:

- How much water the port is currently using
- What do they need the water for
- Dual indemnification
- Do they actually need 50 acre feet, modify to 10 acre feet reevaluate at a later date
- If given 50 acre feet the city would likely not be able to reduce amount in agreement for the future
- 3 year process to terminate agreement
- City's water rights should be for citizens of Colfax first

Hammer will reach out for clarification on how many existing wells the Port has, pump data as to how much they currently use, ask them how much they need and what they need the extra water for.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

Public Works:

Hammer reported he received a \$140,000 grant from TIB for crack sealing: Thorn, Valleyview, Southview and South Mill Street. The county will do the work for us and the city's share will be \$7,300 for the project. The city will help with prep work.

Retzer received an email regarding grants for the trail from Hauser Addition downtown. Spring of next year is when we will need to look for the grant information.

Police:

Retzer reported the police are currently looking for another local surplus vehicle to add to the police fleet.

### **COMMITTEE/BOARD/COMISSION REPORTS:**

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

### **CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

#### **MAYORS REPORT:**

Retzer reported the pool came out of the Senate budget at \$706,000 and went to the House. Mary Dye did a wonderful job presenting to the Capital Budget, her part was \$1.4 or \$1.6 million.

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Now it goes back to the committee and they negotiate and come back with a final number. We are on the list but nothing is guaranteed yet.

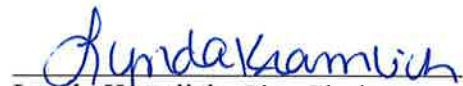
Retzer spoke with Representative Joe Schmick about Island and Main Bridge there is going to be a pot of money for those little projects.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Retzer adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

  
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Jim Retzer, Mayor

  
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Lynda Kramlich, City Clerk