

COLFAX CITY COUNCIL
April 15, 2024

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

Golden, McRae, Schaefer, Mackleit, Guentner, Sevedge and Huntwork: Present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was entered by Guentner, seconded by McRae to approve the minutes from the April 1, 2024 Council meeting. Roll Call: McRae, Mackleit, Guentner, Sevedge and Huntwork: Yes. Schaefer and Golden: Abstained.

GOOD OF THE CITY:

MacDougall Invite will be this Saturday, there are 25 teams signed up.

Golf Course fundraiser was held last Friday. Very successful evening the steak dinner was fabulous and the auction brought in \$140,000, they only needed \$120,000 to complete their building project.

BILLS AND CLAIMS:

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

CLAIMS

9565, 9573-9574, 9582-9599

\$50,150.85

PAYROLL

9558-9564, 9566-9572, 9575-9581 & EFT

\$163,626.70

GRAND TOTAL: \$213,777.55

CITIZENS REQUEST:

PUBLIC HEARING:

PRESENTATION/WORK STUDY:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

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DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Public Works:

Public Works Director Matt Hammer distributed the 2023 Annual “State of the Wastewater Treatment Plant” Capacity Analysis and Report from Erik Coats, P.E., Ph.D.

Hammer wanted council to get an idea of what is going at the treatment plant at some point we will need to do some upgrades. There is a slight elevation of total resolved solids, as it keeps going up we need to be cognizant of that. Nitrates are a thing that may affect us down the line but for now we are doing fine.

Hammer reported the OTTA bids were opened last Thursday. They had four bids and two were tossed because they didn’t address all the addendums. The low bid came in at one half of what they expected.

Hammer stated the city has three street construction projects this year. Major construction will begin this spring on Morton, Sumner, Third, Tyler, First and Second Streets. We have a TIB Grant with the county to do some chip sealing on Thorn and South Mill Streets. Another TIB Grant for the OTTA Seal which is similar to a chip seal that will cover nearly every street in town.

Police:

Mayor Retzer reported the entry level candidate did not make it through the hiring process.

There were two internal candidates that applied for the chief position, neither one passed the oral board exam. Retzer asked them to take some mid management training and will appoint them each to three month duration as Interim Police Chief. Retzer stated the city will again advertise the chief position and start the hiring process.

There are three on a new entry level list. Retzer is fully confident we will come up with a good candidate.

Administration:

City Administrator Chris Mathis reported the request for bids for the pool project has been published.

By next council meeting we should have an exit interview for the audit.

COMMITTEE/BOARD/COMISSION REPORTS:

Park Board:

Golden reported the Park Board met this evening before council.

Topic of discussion:

Pool renovation, set to begin in June, pool will be closed for the season

Bid opening for pool renovation will be April 25th

Fundraising efforts will begin

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The swim team is concerned with the pool closing for the season. They have looked into options to bus kids to Pullman or Palouse for practice and to hold swim meets. Skate Park rehab was discussed again as well

OTHER BUSINESS:

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

MAYORS REPORT:

Retzer sat on the 12 person panel for the CDA Incubator applicants. There were two applicants originally but one dropped out right before the interview process. The remaining applicant had a good business plan. The name will be Wild Ember Kitchen open Thursday – Monday with a full bar. They will stop serving food at 9:00 p.m. and will serve breakfast Friday and Saturday. Retzer stated the food samples he offered were excellent. The CDA gave him 30 days to come up with funding and a letter of intent.

Fonk's reconstruction is currently underway. The CDA Incubator and Fonk's should be up and running by the end of July.

Senator Mark Schoesler is here tonight. Retzer thanked him for his help advocating for the Colfax Municipal Pool and securing money for the pool renovation.

McRae reported A & C Autobody a new business in town is coming along nicely.

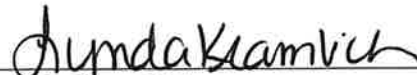
EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

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



Jim Retzer, Mayor



Lynda Kramlich, City Clerk