

COLFAX CITY COUNCIL
April 17, 2023

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was entered by Kackman, seconded by McRae to approve the minutes from the April 3, 2023 Council meeting. Roll Call: Mackleit, Guenther, Kackman: Yes. Schaefer and Golden: Abstained.

GOOD OF THE CITY:

The MacDougall Invite is this coming Saturday.

May 13th at 6 a.m. the CDA will place the flower planters downtown.

May 20th the CDA will have the downtown clean up and plant the flowers.

April 22nd S.U.P.E.R. Colfax will be at the Whitman County Library from 10-5 for a drug take back event.

BILLS AND CLAIMS:

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

CLAIMS

#8589-8590, 8619-8640

\$149,957.42

PAYROLL

#8591-8618 & EFT

\$55,504.01

GRAND TOTAL: \$205,461.43

CITIZENS REQUEST:

PUBLIC HEARING:

PRESENTATION/WORK STUDY:

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Resolution 23-05 – Water Service Agreement City/Port of Whitman:

Public Work Director Matt Hammer reported back to council on questions they had from last meeting. The port does not consistently read the water meter, the average water used is 2,100 gallons per day. Hammer asked the port about the 10 acre feet rather than the 50 originally requested, they are good with the 10 acre feet for now as they don't have plans in the works. Hammer stated there are currently 2 other existing privately owned wells out there for two of the hangars, they are not connected to the port's system and have no intentions of hooking in. They currently have 12 acres to expand but have nothing in the works yet. Hammer updated this agreement with the councils and attorneys comments along with 10 acre feet update. If council approves the agreement will go before the Port Commissioners for approval and will be reassessed every 10 years. If by chance the port requests changes it will come back before the council for review.

A motion was entered by Golden, seconded by McRae to approve Resolution 23-05 Water Service Agreement/ Port of Whitman. Roll Call: All Yes

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 23-04 – City of Colfax and WCSO Contract:

Police Chief Bruce Blood stated they will have a shift deficit and the WCSO contract needed to be updated as it was outdated. Officer Tate and Kurtz have come up with a schedule as to not need WCSO help while Officer McCollum is deployed. The WCSO coverage will be used for vacations and sick time.

Blood presents the schedule as needed to the sheriff and the sheriff notifies the deputies of the needed coverage.

A motion was entered by Guenther, seconded by Schaefer to approve Resolution 23-04 Whitman County Sheriff Office Contract. Roll Call: All Yes.

Blood reported the backgrounds are underway for the applicants. There is an applicant from Idaho who will need to take a 2 week equivalency training in Burien to familiarize with Washington laws if hired. The other applicant is a reserve officer for Whitman County and will be able to work once FTO is complete as the wait for the academy is at 8 months if hired.

Ordinance 23-02 – Budget Amendment

City Administrator Chris Mathis and Retzer informed the council they found a 2018 Ford Explorer from Colton Washington with 6,000 miles for \$38,500. It comes fully equipped with lights, radios, (same as the PD just purchased) printer and scanner.

A motion was entered Kackman, seconded by McRae to approve Ordinance 23-02- Budget Amendment. Roll Call: All Yes.

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DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire:

Fire Chief Craig Corbeill reported Fire Chief Michael Chapman has stepped down and Corbeill is back in the position, he is still busy with his businesses but has gotten better at delegating. Assistant Chief is still Milt Groom.

Corbeill reported the EMT class is wrapped up and our department gains five new EMT's from the class.

Changes are being made in the department. John Laughtenslager, David Buckley and Tim Tingley are working great as a team for the city.

Firefighter David Buckley reported they held an extrication training last weekend that was well attended with four hours of good education.

Hydrant and hose testing will begin as the weather gets nicer.

Public Works:

Public Works Director Matt Hammer stated they have no big projects going they are busy with everyday normal maintenance.

COMMITTEE/BOARD/COMISSION REPORTS:

OTHER BUSINESS:

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

MAYORS REPORT:


Retzer informed the council the Legislative Session ends Sunday April 23rd and we will see how we come out on the pool project. Representative Mary Dye has done an awesome job advocating for us.


There is no news on the Pursuit Bill and the Blake Bill is going back for some minor changes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Retzer adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.


Jim Retzer, Mayor


Lynda Kramlich, City Clerk