

COLFAX CITY COUNCIL
April 21, 2025

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, Sevedge and Huntwork: Present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was entered by Guentner, seconded by Golden to approve the minutes from the April 7, 2025 Council meeting. Roll Call: McRae, Mackleit, Guentner, Sevedge, Huntwork and Golden: Yes. Schaefer: Abstained.

GOOD OF THE CITY:

MacDougall Invite was a great success with over 500 athletes participating.

The Plowing Bee was at the Fairgrounds Saturday April 19-20.

Super Colfax- Drug Take Back will be Saturday April 26th at the Library. Colfax Police will be present for the event.

BILLS AND CLAIMS:

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

CLAIMS	PAYROLL
#10697, 10704, 10706-10712, 10714-10736 10705, 10713 VOIDED \$112,319.02	#10698-10703 & EFT \$59,501.24

GRAND TOTAL: \$171,820.26

CITIZENS REQUEST:

PUBLIC HEARING:

PRESENTATION/WORK STUDY:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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NEW BUSINESS:

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Police:

Chief Mike Melcher reported Officer Cody Johnson is in phase 2 of his FTO training. The police will be helping with the Super Colfax Drug Take Back on Saturday. Melcher stated the new car is in the process of getting outfitted and are waiting on the stickers. Melcher reported there are 2 left in the background check process for the entry level officer position.

Public Works:

City Administrator Matt Hammer stated he has put in a formal request for semi quantitative risk assessment for the flood control certification.

Hammer received a call from Kara Riebold, the Executive director of the Port of Whitman. Riebold informed Hammer that the Port will be assisting with the purchase of a bus for the Coast Transportation Project. Riebold inquired about the city's support for this project. Hammer clarified that while the City of Colfax supports the concept of a transportation project connecting Colfax, Pullman and Moscow, the city currently does not have the allocated funds for such an initiative. Hammer wanted to ensure we have a clear consensus with the council before drafting a letter of support for the Port of Whitman acknowledging our support for the transportation idea.

COMMITTEE/BOARD/COMISSION REPORTS:

OTHER BUSINESS:

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

MAYORS REPORT:

Mayor Retzer spoke with Lyle Smith from WMS, the pool project is coming along. Some of the sub-contractors have been working on the weekends to get the job done. The contract goes through the end of September, Smith hopes to have it completed before then. Retzer stated we will move forward the best we can until we hear otherwise.

Golden and Schaefer suggested no fee for the use of the pool, if the season ends up being shortened.

Sevedge asked about the tree removal plans for Main Street, some of the trees are dropping acorns which is like walking on marbles.

Hammer will look into the plan for the proposed trees to be removed this year.

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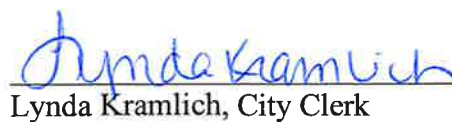
The crosswalk beacon at Main and Thorn was damaged by a car, Hammer stated they are designed to breakaway on impact. Hammer had an extra base on hand and they were able to get it repaired quickly.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Retzer adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m.


Jim Retzer, Mayor


Lynda Kramlich, City Clerk