

**COLFAX CITY COUNCIL**  
**June 2, 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, Guenthner, Sevedge and Huntwork: Present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion was entered by Golden, seconded by Schaefer to approve the minutes from the May 19, 2025 Council meeting. Roll Call: McRae, Schaefer, Mackleit and Golden: Yes. Sevedge and Huntwork: Abstained.

**GOOD OF THE CITY:**

Saturday is graduation, Officer Johnson will lead the senior parade.

Next Farmer's Market is June 5<sup>th</sup>.

The awards banquet for the seniors was a great success, showcasing our impressive outgoing students. This diverse group will be heading out to various locations all over the U.S.

**BILLS AND CLAIMS:**

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

<b>CLAIMS</b>	<b>PAYROLL</b>
#10843-10861	10830-10842 & EFT
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\$117,685.43	\$89,926.25

**GRAND TOTAL: \$207,611.68**

**CITIZENS REQUEST:**

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**PRESENTATION/WORK STUDY:**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

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### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

#### **Police:**

Chief Mike Melcher reported the new decals are on three of the patrol cars.

Officer Cody Johnson is done with FTO training, received his radar certification and is working Thursday-Sunday dayshift.

The applicant that was in the final phase of the process accepted an offer with another agency.

Next week Melcher will be in training.

Melcher reported receiving numerous complaints regarding dogs running loose and excessive barking. Also, they increased patrols on Thorn and Cedar in response to complaints about speeding vehicles.

#### **Public Works:**

City Administrator Matt Hammer received three bids for the fire department roof. Hammer will turn those into our insurance company for review and approval.

Hammer is currently exploring options for updating our city's phone system. The current monthly expense is over \$1,200, and his goal is to reduce the cost by at least half.

Public works crews are still installing the new remote meters, they have about 100 to go.

Hammer continues to meet with Merrick on the water system update.

#### **Fire:**

Walter Sheppard is joining us as a new fire part timer; he has prior experience working with District 12 for a couple of years.

Call volume for the year is currently at the normal average.

#### **Administration:**

Finance Amanda Link submitted the annual report.

Kramlich and Link attended a fraud training session hosted by the Association of Washington Cities (AWC). Link stated they gained valuable information and made useful connections, and plan to update our policies based on what we learned.

Xpress Bill Pay is up and running, within the first week we have 70 customers set up an online account through the new system.

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**COMMITTEE/BOARD/COMISSION REPORTS:**

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

**MAYORS REPORT:**

Retzer stated the pool project is coming along, no defined opening date as of yet.

The Port of Whitman's annual Snake River Family Festival will be Saturday June 14<sup>th</sup> from 11a.m.-2p.m. The event includes a free BBQ, Ferdinand's Ice Cream and a concert by Sammy Eubanks.

2025 Legislative Return Luncheon will be June 10<sup>th</sup> at noon at the Clarkston Holiday Inn, the 9<sup>th</sup> District Representatives in attendance.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Retzer adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

  
Jim Retzer, Mayor

  
Lynda Kramlich, City Clerk