

COLFAX CITY COUNCIL
June 5, 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, Kackman and Huntwork: Present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was entered by Guenther, seconded by Golden to approve the minutes from the May 15, 2023 Council meeting. Roll Call: All Yes.

GOOD OF THE CITY:

Colfax High School Graduation was Saturday.

Mayor Retzer, Officer Perry Tate, Officer Chase Kurtz and Firefighter David Buckley led the graduation parade.

A special thanks to the Public Works for doing such a great job keeping our city looking clean and presentable to the public.

Also, thanks to the CDA for the flower pots placed downtown, the plants are filling in nicely and add a nice touch to the presentation of the downtown area.

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

#8708-8724, 8731-8773 & EFT
\$146,766.10

PAYROLL

#8725-8730, 8774-8779 & EFT
\$77,605.99

GRAND TOTAL: \$224,372.09

CITIZENS REQUEST:

PUBLIC HEARING:

PRESENTATION/WORK STUDY:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Ordinance 23-03 City of Colfax Shoreline Master Program:

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Mike Manning, SCJ Alliance has been working with the Whitman County Coalition on updating the local jurisdictions Shoreline Master Plans. They are at the end stage with the City of Colfax. 90% of the changes are just housekeeping that update the terminology to match up with the Department of Ecology. Manning asked the council if they had any questions before passing the ordinance. The council had no questions.

A motion was entered by Golden, seconded by Mackleit to accept Ordinance 23-03 City of Colfax Shoreline Master Program. Roll Call: All Yes.

Resolution 23-05- Port Water Plan Review:

Public Works Director Matt Hammer stated council passed this resolution previously. The Port of Whitman had their attorney review the document, he had a few lawyer edits and wants our attorney John Kragt to review these changes. They also had a paragraph about the city doing maintenance; Hammer stated that we are not interested in doing any maintenance, the port was good with that and will strike that entire paragraph.

Mathis stated Kragt has not reviewed changes and this will be tabled and brought back before council next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Public Works:

Hammer reported asphalt patching will be done on Fairview Street next week.

Hammer also reported the emergency generator in Hauser Addition is failing. Later in the year the council will see a budget amendment for the replacement. Hammer has received one bid for \$50,000.

Fire:

The Fire Department has approved a fireworks stand permit for Colfax Rotary Club to sell fireworks in the Rosauer's parking lot.

Police:

Mayor Retzer reported Chief Blood and new Officer Erica Warren qualified with their firearm today.

Today is Warren's first day on the job. She will attend an equivalency class in August to get familiar with Washington laws. Warren will go through FTO training in the interim.

Council members expressed appreciation for Chief Blood's work he has done in the Police Department and asked Mayor Retzer if he has anything in the works for when he retires. Blood will finish up this year and possibly give another six months after that. Retzer has been putting some feelers out and has a couple possibilities for his replacement.

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COMMITTEE/BOARD/COMISSION REPORTS:

Park Board:

Park Board member Blaine Golden reported the board was updated on the pool and discussed the next steps. The money from the state and the grants received for the city both have to be spent in the next 2 years. They will begin seeking bids early 2024 and hope to begin work fall of 2024.

The boards discussed fundraising opportunities.

The bid from last year was 3 million to replace pipes, add liner and update bathrooms.

The board asked for updated bids and they will prioritize projects as to what makes sense.

Golden went on to say the CDA is really excited about kicking off the fundraising efforts to support the pool upgrade. They will reach out to the banks and community for support.

Hammer reported the pool opening has been delayed due to equipment issues. The drain pipes for the filter system didn't drain completely and froze and broke. This was a flaw in the system the city drained as directed. New parts are being built and WMS will come install next week. They are placing new drains so this will not be an issue in the future.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Council members expressed concerns about suspicious activities around Paul's Place. There has been more police presence in the area.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

MAYORS REPORT:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Retzer adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.



Jim Retzer, Mayor



Lynda Kramlich, City Clerk