

**COLFAX CITY COUNCIL**  
**August 15, 2022**

**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 Huntwork: Present. Kackman: Absent. A motion was entered by Guenther, seconded by Huntwork to excuse Councilman Kackman. Roll Call: All Yes.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion was entered by Golden, seconded by McRae to approve the minutes from the August 1, 2022 Council meeting. Roll Call: All Yes.

**GOOD OF THE CITY:**

Fallen Firefighter Ribbon hand off for Chief Krouse was picked up by the IAFF and driven to North Bend for the ceremony held on Sunday.

Cathy McMorris Rodgers round table was well attended and she was pleased with everyone attending. She would like to do it again in the future.

Discussions included the pool, dams, the hospital and the school.

The Colfax Swim Team Bullsharks won the Tri County Swim Meet, first time in 20 years.

Thanks to the Public Works for keeping the pool running.

Mayor Retzer thanked the VFI for getting the WSU flags up for the incoming students.

**BILLS AND CLAIMS:**

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

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**CLAIMS**

7847-7913

\$86,240.04

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**PAYROLL**

7848-7878 & EFT

\$76,291.63

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**GRAND TOTAL: \$163,161.67**

**CITIZENS REQUEST:**

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

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**PRESENTATION/WORK STUDY:**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Ordinance 22-04-Update C.M.C. 12.12 Street Excavations:**

Public Works Director Matt Hammer reported this is another requirement for our TIB Grant, to have a "No Cut" ordinance. This prohibits any street cuts for 2 years, TIB doesn't want to pay for a street then have it cut into. This ordinance requires the city to notify of any planned projects allowing citizens to take care of any utility issue prior to paving. There is a waiver for emergency issues that may come up. This ordinance gives the city strength to keep people from cutting into street after it is freshly paved. The request process for the exception would be to submit a request to the clerk then Hammer will approve or deny, then it would come before the council for final approval.

A motion was entered by McRae, seconded by Schaefer to approve Ordinance 22-04 Update to CMC 12.12 Street Excavations. Roll Call: All Yes.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Police:**

Chief Bruce Blood reported the radios the council approved purchasing have come in and all of the radios have been installed in all vehicles. They are working very well crystal clear transmitting.

**Public Works:**

Hammer stated they have all of their water leaks fixed.

Now that the water line is replaced at Cooper and Cromwell intersection, Poe Asphalt will come over and pave in the near future.

The crews will be out this week working on trimming and meter replacement.

Water situation has been pretty good no real issues even with the fire. Hammer stated Tim Tingley was very cooperative and concerned during the fire. Hammer reported they dropped below where they want to be but didn't go into low alarm threshold. Hammer was able to monitor the water live time and see exactly what was happening with water levels.

**Administration:**

Mathis updated the council on the roof for City Hall, early next week we should have an update of when they will begin working. Once they start it should take 2 weeks to complete.

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### Fire:

Chapman stated he was a little late to the fire but when he got here the tactics made perfect sense. But to the general public watching the fire fighters squirting on/off on/off some were frustrated especially the home owner, wondering why they don't just go in and attack the fire and put it out. They had some interesting challenges due to construction and the interior the fact that it had flashed before they even got there, the contents had already been damaged before they even go to the door. The fire was already in the attic and a section of the roof had collapsed. A firefighter fell off the roof and another with heat related issues, both were fine. Tingley pulled everyone else which was perfect tactics. He put an engine on top no one wanted a repeat of a couple of years ago with burning the hillside or the East Street fire where they flooded down to the highway. They were very cognizance of where the water was going and if the street drains were keeping up and what was happening to neighbor's basements. They wanted the walls to collapse into the structure not out to cause damage outwards. Just the ladder truck flows upwards of 2000 gallons a minute. They were trying to not cause any damage to neighboring properties. They had a lot of engines and man power but that wasn't going to change the outcome. Chapman and a couple other fire fighters walked around and explained to bystanders what they were doing and why.

### COMMITTEE/BOARD/COMISSION REPORTS:

### OTHER BUSINESS:

### CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:


### MAYORS REPORT:

Retzer stated he was actually there on scene and able to see the firefighters in action. It was really scary to see a firefighter fall off the ladder and land on the ground, glad he was ok. He thanked the fire crews for all the great work they did down there and for our community and the neighboring houses that were saved.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION:

### ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Retzer adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

  
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Jim Retzer, Mayor

  
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Lynda Kramlich, City Clerk