

COLFAX CITY COUNCIL

September 15, 2025

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

Golden, McRae, Schaefer and Mackleit: Present. Guenthner, Sevedge and Huntwork: Absent. A motion was entered by Golden, seconded by Schaefer to excuse council members Guenthner, Sevedge and Huntwork. Roll Call: All Yes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was entered by Golden, seconded by McRae to approve the minutes from the September 2, 2025 Council meeting. Roll Call: All Yes.

GOOD OF THE CITY:

Palouse Empire Fair was a success, great turnout and good weather.

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

#11126-11151, 11153

(Void #11152)

\$264,713.46

PAYROLL

#11118-11125 & EFT

\$63,152.25

GRAND TOTAL: \$327,856.71

CITIZENS REQUEST:

Chamber President Gary Young reported:

- Serfes is currently renovating after a flood, they hope to be open by December or January
- Terra Cotta is now open in their new Colfax location, sign-ups for their classes are available online
- Kim Nguyen would like a meeting with Mayor Retzer and Young
- Last Farmer's Market of the year will be this Thursday
- Chamber luncheon will be October 7th with the Port of Whitman presenting "Reusing and Revitalizing Properties for Economic Development"

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PUBLIC HEARING:

Public Hearing-Ordinance 25-05- Vacate Portion of South Mill

Mayor Retzer opened the Public Hearing at 7:05 p.m.

Building and Community Development Shawn McSweeney read the legal description for the proposed vacation, which is a portion of South Mill Street between Cooper Street and the Flood Control. McSweeney went on to say this will not hinder access for the city.

City Administrator Matt Hammer agreed; noting the city does not currently maintain this portion of the street.

Leslie Cloaninger 2901 Green Hollow Road and current owner of 201 W Cooper. Cloaninger stated this property had been in the family since 1950. The family believed that the garage on the property extended two feet into the city's right-of-way, but found out this was not correct. To resolve this and ensure a clean title for the property, in anticipation of a future sale, they are formally requesting a vacation for the portion of the city street that includes the garage.

Retzer asked for public comment for the street vacation. There were none.

Retzer asked for public comment against the street vacation. There were none.

Retzer asked for additional comments.

Golden stated there are few times it makes sense to vacate a city street and this is one of them.

Retzer closed the public hearing at 7:11 p.m.

A motion was entered by Golden, seconded by Schaefer to approve Ordinance 25-05 Vacate Portion of South Mill. Roll Call: All Yes.

PRESENTATION/WORK STUDY:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Public Works:

Hammer informed the council WDOT notified the city of a lane closure on the north side of the Highway 26 Bridge. The closure is due to damage sustained last week when a vehicle struck the

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cement bridge structure. Hammer is not sure when this will go in effect, WSDOT will place a reader board detouring traffic.

Hammer also is working with WSDOT to get the alternate route that brings traffic down Fairview off of the Google Maps.

Hammer updated the council regarding the Solbrack's proposed street. The engineer working on the project has determined that due to the topography, it will be necessary to construct a wall on each side of the street. This would result in a section of the street being 18 feet wide. Hammer asked the council their thoughts.

The consensus of the council is to wait until all members are present before making a decision.

Hammer stated next council meeting, we can have a resolution prepared for approval or disapproval.

Administration:

Finance Amanda Link asked to set budget workshop dates. Hammer will be at training October 6th the next council meeting. Budget workshop will be set for Monday October 20th council night and will start at 5:30 p.m. We will go over all department budgets that night.

COMMITTEE/BOARD/COMISSION REPORTS:

OTHER BUSINESS:

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

MAYORS REPORT:

Retzer read the Arbor Day Proclamation, proclaiming September 26th as Colfax Arbor Day. Second graders from Jennings Elementary will plant trees at Schmuck Park at 10:30 a.m. September 26th.

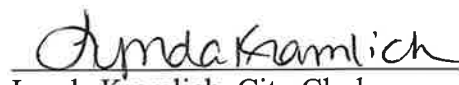
EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

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



Jim Retzer, Mayor



Lynda Kramlich, City Clerk