

COLFAX CITY COUNCIL
October 7, 2024

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was entered by Golden, seconded by McRae to approve the minutes from the September 16, 2024 Council meeting. Roll Call: All Yes.

GOOD OF THE CITY:

Flower pots on Main have been cleaned out and put into storage for the winter.

Buck Canyon Barn Pumpkin Patch was a success again this year.

The Colfax Volleyball and Football teams are fundraising for breast cancer, all proceeds will go directly to Whitman Hospital and Medical Center.

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
#10095, 10103-10132, 10134-10149 & EFT	#10088-10102 & EFT
\$64,610.69	\$93,076.58

GRAND TOTAL: \$157,687.27

CITIZENS REQUEST:

PUBLIC HEARING:

PRESENTATION/WORK STUDY:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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NEW BUSINESS:

Greenway Update – Blaine Golden:

Golden briefly explained the Colfax Greenway Trail Citizen Group is raising awareness about developing a greenway trail system along the unused rail corridor. Golden spoke at Park Board and Council last year and the greenway group was given the go ahead to do a feasibility study. The group applied for a grant to fund the feasibility study but were unsuccessful, they had a donor support that allowed for the study to be completed.

The group is working with a landscape company out of Spokane and the title company. The title company is researching property owners along the rail. The landscape company will conduct the feasibility study, what would it look like, the cost and timelines.

Currently they know they do not have permission to do anything along the line, but if things were ever to change in the future and support for a trail would come along, this study would already be completed.

Golden reported the Greenway Citizen group will hold a public meeting October 16th 6:30- 7:30 p.m. This meeting will gather information and get public opinion. Once study is concluded they will hold another meeting to show the plans they came up with through the study.

The feasibility study should be completed next spring.

Retzer stated the DOT is doing a transportation study on the rail system, this study won't be completed until 2026.

Golden stated the group knows there is no way to move forward with greenway until WATCO and WSDOT finish their study.

There was discussion about safety of the removed rail line and the placement of these lines haphazardly. Retzer has asked for help on this topic and has not gotten any help in that area. It is not our property.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Public Works:

Public Works Director Matt Hammer reported there will be 195 lane restrictions tomorrow for a water leak repair.

The contractor for the ATTA Seal is finished, any residual gravel will be swept up by the city. The crews will be out sweeping up leaves soon and, in that process, it will pick up a lot of the left-over loose gravel. Hammer stated the excess rock picked up will be used for a new base out at the police's shooting range.

Fire:

Firefighter David Buckley reported September 25th was a busy day, there were 10 calls along with the Long Hollow Fire. There were 17 volunteers helping with 9 pieces of equipment being used with the multiple calls.

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Buckley reported he received a GESA Credit Union Grant for \$9,000 and a \$1,000 Grant from Pipeline. These grants will go for PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) such as helmets, turnouts, gloves and flashlights.

Police:

Chief Tate reported Cody Johnson is at the academy and will be there until January. County is covering all unanswered shifts.

COMMITTEE/BOARD/COMISSION REPORTS:

OTHER BUSINESS:

Retzer reported on the pool, stating we are making progress. They are currently working on scaffolding inside the pool to start knocking out the gutter system, knocked concrete down around light post and fixture's, inside they have cut holes in concrete for plumbing. They are also making good progress on the ADA restroom being built on the front of the pool house. Retzer has been in contact with WMS making sure things are progressing.

McRae suggested the paper report the progress with pictures and reports monthly. Retzer stated it is a construction zone so people will need to be careful, there is a safety fence up.

Retzer informed the council that Chamber will be holding their quarterly luncheon, October 8th from 12 p.m. -1 p.m., Kara Riebold from the Port of Whitman will be the guest speaker to talk about child care facility coming to Colfax.

October 9th 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. the Chamber will hold a Winterfest planning meeting at the Cellar.

Main Street Trick or Treat will be Friday October 25th 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Hammer will place reader board signs at each end of town to warn traffic to slow down. The Kiwanis will be manning the crosswalks for Trick or Treater to cross Main Street safely.

The Eagles will have a pumpkin carving party in the afternoon of Sunday October 27th.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

MAYORS REPORT:

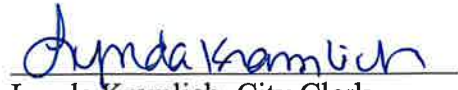
EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Retzer adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.


Jim Retzer, Mayor


Lynda Kramlich, City Clerk