

COLFAX CITY COUNCIL
November 21, 2022

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was entered by Golden, seconded by Mackleit to approve the minutes from the November 7, 2022 Council meeting. Roll Call: All Yes.

GOOD OF THE CITY:

Colfax Volleyball took 2nd Place in State Volleyball.

The Colfax High School students did a phenomenal job in the musical "Oliver".

The CDA applied for and received a 2.25 Million Grant through the Department of Commerce to purchase a building to use as a business incubator. They have been talking with building owners for possible options for purchase.

The CDA also received \$5,000 for more pots for flowers downtown.

The CDA has been working really hard to get things going downtown.

BILLS AND CLAIMS:

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

CLAIMS

#8187-8212 & EFT
\$69,310.47

PAYROLL

#8181-8186 & EFT
\$53,960.25

GRAND TOTAL: \$123,270.72

CITIZENS REQUEST:

PUBLIC HEARING:

Public Hearing: Levy Certification: Resolution 22-19

Mayor Retzer opened the public hearing at 7:05 p.m.

City Administrator Chris Mathis introduced Resolution 22-19 Levy Certification. This is a 1% increase on regular property tax levy; the amount of the increase is \$4,688.32.

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Retzer asked for public comment for the Levy Certification. There were none.

Retzer asked for public comment against the Levy Certification. There were none.

With no additional comments Retzer closed the public hearing at 7:06 p.m

There was some discussion about forgoing this year's 1% increase and the possibility of banking the 1% this year.

A motion was entered by Kackman, seconded by Golden to approve Resolution 22-19 Levy Certification. Roll Call: All Yes.

PRESENTATION/WORK STUDY:

Rachel Granrath from SCJ Alliance briefly went over the periodic review checklist and the summary of changes. There is a review column along with an action column that tracks all the necessary changes with the corresponding page numbers. Ganrath stated the changes are not restricting more as the city requested. This will go to the Department of Ecology for final feedback before coming back to the city next time for final approval.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire: Fire Chief Michael Chapman reported it has been quiet. They are getting ready for the Christmas Parade on December 3rd and the VFI Toy Drive is underway.

Police: Police Chief Bruce Blood reported he received the go ahead from WSDOT for the Christmas Parade to be held on Main Street.

Blood informed the council that Officer Tyler Paris will be leaving the end of December. It was a difficult decision for Paris. He will be leaving law enforcement all together and will be moving into a youth pastor roll. Blood went on to say Paris has been a real asset to our department.

Administration: City Administrator Chris Mathis reported for Public Works, they received their vactor truck back. They were unable to pinpoint the issue but did replace a computer part in hopes that would take care of the problem.

Winterfest Parade will be Saturday December 3rd at 5:00 p.m. There will be activities throughout the day and businesses will be open for holiday shopping.

Mathis distributed information regarding the Washington State's Main Street Tax Credit Incentive Program. This allows the city to pay a portion of the public utility tax straight to CDA. After receiving approval from the Department of Revenue the city may receive a credit for 75% of the value of the contribution. Mathis gave an example of we pay \$60,000 then we would get \$45,000 in tax credits. Mathis stated we will need to do a budget amendment for this year as we

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need to pay for next year before the end of the year. CDA can use the money for storefront grants and staffing. Mathis wanted to inform the council ahead of time with the information in the handout to review before the CDA comes to present next meeting.

COMMITTEE/BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

OTHER BUSINESS:

MPD:

Retzer adjourned the council meeting at 7:36 p.m. to enter into the Metropolitan Park District.

Retzer reconvened the council meeting at 7:38 p.m.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

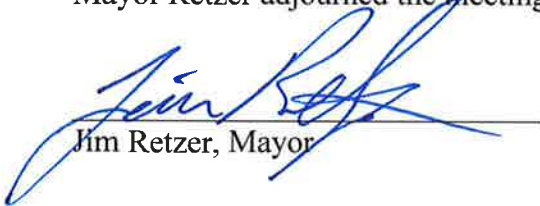
MAYORS REPORT:

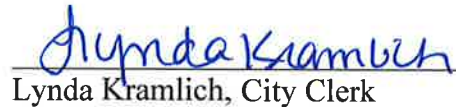
Retzer wished the council a Happy Thanksgiving. With the recent issues in Moscow Retzer reiterated to everyone to be aware of their surroundings to help protect themselves and their loved ones.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Retzer adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.


Jim Retzer, Mayor


Lynda Kramlich, City Clerk