

**COLFAX CITY COUNCIL**  
**December 18, 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 Golden, seconded by Schaefer to approve the minutes from the December 4, 2023 Council meeting. Roll Call: All Yes.

**GOOD OF THE CITY:**

Local shops have reported business has been good.

Fonk's is rebuilding, framing and a roof is in progress.

**BILLS AND CLAIMS:**

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

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**CLAIMS**

#9303-9343 & EFT  
\$222,694.26

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**PAYROLL**

#9305-9310 & EFT  
\$42,431.77

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**GRAND TOTAL: \$265,126.03**

**CITIZENS REQUEST:**

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**PRESENTATION/WORK STUDY:**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**MPD:**

Retzer adjourned the council meeting at 7:02 p.m. to enter into the Metropolitan Park District.

Retzer reconvened the council meeting at 7:04 p.m.

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### **Ordinance 23-11 Budget Amendment:**

Mathis reported this amendment is for Park's there were chemicals purchased at the end of the year. We are also waiting for a refund from Correct Equipment for \$267,000 that covers what we are bumping water up for. Mathis stated we can't be over budget at the end of the year so to be on safe side we are asking for this amendment to end the year with our books in good auditor shape.

A motion was entered by Kackman, seconded by Golden to approve Ordinance 23-11 Budget Amendment. Roll Call: All Yes.

### **Swear in Newly Elected Officials:**

Mayor Jim Retzer was sworn in by City Administrator Chris Mathis.

Tom Huntwork, Sarah Sevedge, Crystn Guenthner and Mark Mackleit were sworn in by Mayor Retzer.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

#### **Public Works:**

Public Works Director Matt Hammer reported they have been using this mild weather to get some tree trimming done on Mill Street and the walking path along the river from pool to the Little League Field.

#### **Fire Department:**

Laughtenslager stated the new SCBA packs are on Ladder 3.

### **COMMITTEE/BOARD/COMISSION REPORTS:**

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Mackleit asked if there are any last updates on Solbrack's while Kackman is still available.

Mathis and Retzer met with Solbrack's and addressed all of their questions. The city refunded the Solbrack's for the License Agreement Fee they paid in the beginning.

Kackman stated the council will have to make a decision in January whether to vacate. Kackman went on to say the council could permit limited uses of the right of way for certain circumstances or require a full development of street improvements. Kackman knows the council will want to do the right thing and not to cause problems for the future.

Retzer reminded the council these decisions will be for the long term and encouraged the council to really think about the decision they make.

### **CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

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**MAYORS REPORT:**

Mayor Retzer honored Councilman Kackman for his 12 years of service on the council from 2011 to 2023.

Kackman stated it has been a pleasure to serve in this position for all the years. Kackman stated the staff is exceptionally good and encouraged the council to be kind with fellow council members and staff and to get things done you have to work as a team cooperatively. When he started this wasn't the case and over the years it has been a major accomplishment to change and have the council work together. Kackman encouraged the council to do things that are good for the city, there are tough issues out there but if you work as a team with the mayor and staff you will be an effective member of the council.

Mayor Retzer appreciates all the time and dedication Kackman has put in over the years.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Retzer adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

  
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Jim Retzer, Mayor

  
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Lynda Kramlich, City Clerk