

COLFAX CITY COUNCIL
January 4, 2021

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

Golden, Guenther, Christopherson, Miller, Kackman, Huntwork and Mackleit: Present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was entered by Golden, seconded by Kackman to approve the minutes from the December 21, 2020 Council meeting. Roll Call: All Yes.

GOOD OF THE CITY:

The couch on Main Street has been removed.

BILLS AND CLAIMS:

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

CLAIMS	PAYROLL
6007-6031	5990-6006 & EFT
\$67,390.22	\$87,758.28

GRAND TOTAL: \$155,148.50

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Ordinance 20-09- Nuisance Code Update- Removing the International Property Maintenance Code from Chapter 15.02 and removing the authority of the Board of Adjustment to hear Nuisance appeals in Title 17.24-

The Nuisance Code was in need of an update. The past few years the enforcement has been switched from different departments, the code difficult to enforce and issues with utilizing the Property Maintenance Code. This update removes the Property Maintenance Code from the Building Code while incorporating some of its language into the Nuisance Code. The appeals process for violators has also been returned to the Colfax Municipal Court which allows for due process for the offender. Mathis explained the process involves warnings and the city working with violators to correct the issue before tickets are issued. Discussion ensued regarding moving the appeals from the Board of Adjustment to the Colfax Municipal Court.

A motion was entered Mackleit, seconded by Miller to adopt Ordinance 20-09 Nuisance Code Update. Roll Call: All Yes.

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Ordinance 20-08 Home Occupation-

The Home Occupation Code needed updating as well. The lack of information made it difficult to understand and enforce. This change will move the Home Occupation out of CMC Chapter 17: Zoning to Chapter 5: Business License and Regulations. CATV Franchise will also move from CMC Chapter 5.08 to CMC Chapter 19: Franchises. There was discussion about the limit of customers per day. Building and Community Development Steve Bretveld increased this number from 8 to 15, per the last council meeting. After further discussion it was decided 8 was a reasonable number, any more than that the business should require a storefront downtown. A motion was entered by Kackman, seconded by Mackleit to adopt Ordinance 20-08 Home Occupation amending the number of customers from 15 back to 8 per day. Roll Call: All Yes.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire:

Firefighter Jake Smith asked for additional funds to help with emergency staffing. With COVID making its way through the county and adding more than normal calls the crews are getting pretty worn out. Smith would like to have the option to allow for double staffing if the need arises.

Mathis reported the county still has funds available from the state she has reached out to them to see if we are eligible to apply. Since this was not a budgeted item she wanted to bring this before council for a consensus and if any additional funds are needed it can be voted on later during a budget amendment. Smith assured the council they would only use the double coverage when necessary.

Administration:

Mathis reported continuing with year-end wrap up. Mathis has also been working with Chief Blood on getting the first level of reporting complete with the COPS Grant.

Public Works:

Public Works Director Matt Hammer reported it has been business as usual. This week the crews will be removing the Christmas decoration downtown.

Police:

Chief Blood reported the background investigation is continuing for the new police candidate. Blood stated they have seen a downward trend with the fraud cases.

The Taurus had the turbo sensor fixed and is now expected to be back this week and back in service.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

Attorney John Kragt has been working on a boundary line adjustment for Hill Ray Plaza and Farmland Reserve Inc. During the application process it was discovered this boundary line adjustment would cause a portion of ground currently located in City limits to become the ownership of Farmland Reserve Inc. Farmland Reserve would prefer their farmland remain

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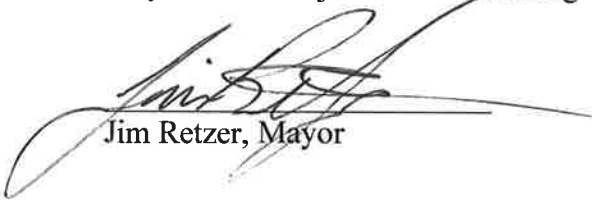
outside of the City limits. Kragt found RCW 35A.16.080 allowing the exclusion of agricultural land from the incorporated area of a code city. Kragt will have the information sent out to the council for review for next meeting.

MAYORS REPORT:

Mayor Retzer stated he is glad 2020 is over and behind us and is looking forward to 2021. He encouraged citizens to support the local restaurants and businesses as much as possible to help them out in these trying times.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Retzer adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.



Jim Retzer, Mayor



Lynda Kramlich, City Clerk