

**COLFAX CITY COUNCIL**  
**January 18, 2022**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion was entered by Guentner, seconded by Golden to approve the minutes from the January 3, 2022 Council meeting. Roll Call: All Yes.

**GOOD OF THE CITY:**

Mayor Retzer read a note he received from the mom of a little girl they did a "Birthday Parade" for at the beginning of COVID in 2020. She was selected for student of the week and her mom reported she still talks about that parade and "her mayor" and friend. Retzer went on to say the he had help from his wife, the fire department and the police to make her day special.

**BILLS AND CLAIMS:**

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

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**CLAIMS**

7191, 7229-7245, 7247-7269  
\$269,993.83

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**PAYROLL**

7199-7228 & EFT  
\$61,969.53

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**GRAND TOTAL: \$331,963.36**

**CITIZENS REQUEST:**

Wes Claassen from the Citizens for Quality Schools spoke tonight encouraging citizens to get out and vote for the school levy. This levy will ensure the funding for essential programs for the Colfax School District that are not fully funded by the state.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

2022 Committee Members were selected.

Finance: Guentner, Schaefer, McRae Alternate: Mackleit

Personnel: Kackman, Huntwork, Guentner Alternate: Mackleit

Public Works: Golden, Schaefer, Kackman Alternate: McRae

Public Safety: Mackleit, Huntwork, McRae Alternate: Golden

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Mayor Pro Tem: Kackman

Mathis prefers to put the EDTEC on hold for now. The previous administration set this up, they were to review lodging tax applications before they come before council for final approval.

Mathis stated the group has rewritten the mission statement 4 times and reviewed applications. Mathis added that if the council prefers the committee review before council sees them we can keep the committee.

Golden interjected the applications were not burdensome before COVID and sees no reason the council can't see the applications.

Kackman stated he would like to get feedback and details from the hotels and businesses benefiting from each of the events.

**Resolution 22-03- Lodging Tax- MacDougall Invitational:**

Applicant Jason Cooper presented the application stating this is a one day event with approximately 1500 athletes. Cooper has vendors from the area that help with the event. He teams up with Caleb Cox at the Best Western for rooms for out of the area teams. Cooper went on to say the last couple of years they haven't been able to fund raise for this event due to COVID. He also partners with local businesses and alerts Rosauers of the event so they can have additional employees work due to the influx of customers. Cooper is asking for \$4,100 and has an ultimate goal of not having to ask for money from the Hotel Motel Funds in the future. The event is scheduled for April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Kackman stated this is a perfect event for this funding; he appreciates Cooper putting himself out there and doing these kinds of events.

A motion was entered by Kackman, seconded by Guenther to approve Resolution 22-03 Lodging Tax Application for the MacDougall Invitational. Roll Call: All Yes.

**Resolution 22-02- 2022-2027 Transportation Improvement Program**

Public Works Director Matt Hammer stated updating the TIP is mostly for grant funding opportunities. Grant funding is awarded based on a list established by resolution from local jurisdictions. The Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) and Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) requires a stand-alone listing of street projects in a Resolution for funding. Hammer stated his big wish list would include Fairview, Palouse River Road, reconstruct Valleyview and upsize the water line and the Lake Street Greenway from Last Street to Ace Hardware on the old railway.

A motion was entered by Kackman, seconded by Golden to approve Resolution 22-02 2022-2027 Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan. Roll Call: All Yes.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Police:**

Police Chief Bruce Blood reported they are prepping the 2017 Ford Explorer for use. The mag chloride used on the road has ruined a couple of the wheel bearings that had to be replaced. Hammer has allowed Public Works Jeff Batterton time to work on the explorer and getting it up

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and going. Batterton is working on the electronics and the overhead lights. This is saving the city a lot of money having Batterton work on the police vehicles.

Blood stated the addition of another SUV is easier for the taller officers to get in and out of.

Blood reported he found 2 refurbished tazers for half the price of a new one, new tazers run about \$1,300 each.

### Public Works:

Hammer reported the crews will be removing the Christmas décor on Main Street and will also begin sweeping the streets.

### Administration:

Mathis reported office staff is busy with year-end.

### Fire:

Fire Chief Michael Chapman stated there is a non-factory dent in Brush 1 the 2003 Dodge. A person backed into it while on a call.

### COMMITTEE/BOARD/COMISSION REPORTS:

#### Park Board:

Golden reported Steve Nelson from Century West and Lyle Smith from WMS Aquatics presented ideas for rehabilitation for the pool which include: ADA modifications, splash pad, lining the pool and zero entry. They recently helped the Town of Garfield on the grant process for their pool rehabilitation. The RCO Grant is due April 2022 and Mathis will look into what can be used for matching funds.

The 2022-2027 Comprehensive Park Plan was approved by the Park Board tonight and will come before council next meeting.

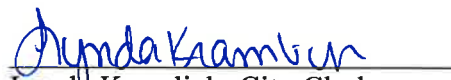
Molly Keogh from the Chamber received a grant that will purchase a bike rack and bench that will be placed at Eells Park.

### ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Retzer adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.



Jim Retzer, Mayor



Lynda Kramlich, City Clerk