

COLFAX CITY COUNCIL

February 1, 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 and Huntwork: Present. Mackleit: Absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was entered by Guenther, seconded by Kackman to approve the minutes from the January 19, 2021 Council meeting. Roll Call: All Yes.

GOOD OF THE CITY:

BILLS AND CLAIMS:

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

CLAIMS

6098-6137

\$185,478.98

PAYROLL

6089-6097 & EFT

\$47,076.01

GRAND TOTAL: \$232,554.99

NEW BUSINESS:

A public hearing for Hill Ray Plaza Annexation and De-Annexation will be held February 16th during the next council meeting.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Police:

Police Chief Bruce Blood reported there has been an uptick in fraud cases. Blood worked with a local resident regarding her US Bank card, scammers called stating her card was compromised and she needed to call an 800 number to reinstate her card. Upon that call they requested she give her personal information for her account. Blood was able to confirm with the local branch that indeed it was a scam. Blood also reported two social security fraud cases were received today.

Retzer reiterated citizens need to be careful, he took two personal phone calls from residents that have been victims of fraud. One in particular they opened an email that then allowed for the scammers to get into personal information.

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Fire:

Firefighter Officer in Charge Jake Smith and Public Works Matt Hammer asked the council about possibly placing more restrictions on the types of outside fires citizens' can burn. Last week the golf course burned leaves that left the entire valley of Colfax in a layer of smoke.

The current process to have a controlled burn in city limits requires a phone call to the fire department for approval. The fire maximum size is 4 ft x 4 ft x 3 ft high and not within 50 ft of any structure. No burn barrels allowed.

Kackman is not in favor of putting more restrictions and would like to see the current regulations utilized. Kackman went on to say burning leaves and green wood in a yard is not a good idea and if city smoke outs occur then the fire department can take action.

Christopherson suggested a public service announcement that would encourage residents to utilize the free yard waste disposal at the wastewater treatment plant during normal business hours.

The council would like to see if educating the public will correct the issue. Retzer doesn't want to see the entire town punished for the golf course's mishap. Hammer stated this has been an ongoing issue and discussed for a couple of years and is not strictly driven by the golf course incident.

Smith informed the council he is working on a FEMA Firefighter Grant. This particular one is for big ticket items and he is applying for the replacement for of Utility 1. The truck will be an F 550 chassis with storage on the sides and will carry water as well. The city match for the truck is 5% and if we shoot for the moon and go for the top of the line the city could be looking at \$15,000.

Kackman stated this is a good idea with a low match. Our current brush truck has served us well but doesn't do everything we want it to.

Smith added the city can use this as a money making tool for State Mobilization Fires. A set up like this particular truck can net \$20,000 to \$40,000 for a fire

Public Works:

Public Works Director Matt Hammer reported they recently had several hazardous trees removed from Schmuck Park. The crews are also working on a few water leaks. Other than that it is business as usual.

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MAYORS REPORT:

Retzer and City Administrator/Finance Director Chris Mathis will be attending the City Action Days via Zoom February 10th and 11th at city hall.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Retzer adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m.



Jim Retzer, Mayor



Lynda Kramlich, City Clerk