

COLFAX CITY COUNCIL
February 18, 2025

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 Sevedge: Present. Huntwork: Absent.
A motion was entered by Golden, seconded by McRae to excuse Huntwork. Roll Call: All Yes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was entered by Golden, seconded by Mackleit to approve the minutes from the February 3, 2025 Council meeting. Roll Call: Schaefer, Mackleit, Guenther, Golden and McRae. Yes. Sevedge: Abstained.

GOOD OF THE CITY:

City crews have done a very nice job plowing the snow off the streets and sidewalks.

Hospital Foundation Dinner was another success. McRae stated they made a couple thousand more than they did last year.

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	PAYROLL
#10523-10558	#10516-10522 & EFT
\$105,244.20	\$60,598.10

GRAND TOTAL: \$165,842.30

CITIZENS REQUEST:

PUBLIC HEARING:

PRESENTATION/WORK STUDY:

Port of Whitman: Updates on 2024 Projects:

Port of Whitman Executive Director Kara Riebold spoke of several projects the port currently is working on, stating the Port of Whitman's mission is to: facilitate economic development, industrial real estate development, preserve multi-modal transportation and providing on-water recreational opportunities. For every tax dollar received, the Port creates an additional \$8.56 in tax revenue which is reinvested into our community.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Chief Michael Melcher and Officer Cody Johnson were sworn in by City Clerk Lynda Kramlich.

Resolution 25-04- Lodging Tax App. MacDougall Invitational:

Jason Cooper is requesting \$6,385.56 for the upcoming MacDougall Invitational; this is up from last year as he purchased medals for prizes vs. the ribbons he previously awarded.

Cooper reported there will be 25 teams attending the event, he is partnering with: City Police, CDA (distribute backpacks with coupons for local shops), Caleb Cox at the Best Western, Shawn McAdams (provides lunches and waters), Fonk's, Shotz, Kinsey Dewan (trailer coffee shop) and P1FCU.

Golden stated this is a great event and puts Colfax on the map, we have supported this for many years it brings many to town and puts heads in beds.

Golden made a motion to approved Resolution 25-04 Lodging Tax Application for the MacDougall Invitational, seconded by Schaefer. Roll Call: All Yes.

Resolution 25-05- Lodging Tax App. Colfax Golf Club:

Mayor Retzer stated Al Kirkpatrick was here previously and presented this request. Kirkpatrick is out of town and unable to attend tonight. Retzer asked if the council had any questions.

Golden stated this is an addition to the previous lodging tax application from the Colfax Golf Course for their Event Center, this will help finish out the project.

Golden made a motion to approve Resolution 25-05 Lodging Tax Application for the Colfax Golf course, seconded by McRae. Roll Call: All Yes.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Administration:

City Administrator Matt Hammer informed the council he is in contact with an engineer who could certify our levee. The cost estimate is less than \$100,000 to do a preliminary phase 1 evaluation, this would determine if it is worth certifying.

Hammer has reached out to the Corp of Engineers and has not heard back from them.

Hammer announced the city received the first Chicken Permit last week.

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Police:

Police Chief Melcher reported he is on day 4, he has been around introducing himself to businesses, visited the school and working on settling in and getting log ins complete for the multiple programs he will be using.

Officer Johnson is on week 3 working with Officer Perry Tate on his FTO. (Field Training Officer)

Retzer stated there are a couple of applicants that we will move forward with to interview coming up soon.

COMMITTEE/BOARD/COMISSION REPORTS:

OTHER BUSINESS:

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:


MAYORS REPORT:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

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


Jim Retzer, Mayor


Lynda Kramlich, City Clerk