

COLFAX CITY COUNCIL
February 21, 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, Kackman and Huntwork: Present. Guentner: Absent. A motion was entered by Golden, seconded by Kackman to excuse Guentner. Roll Call: All Yes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was entered by Golden, seconded by McRae to approve the minutes from the February 6, 2023 Council meeting. Roll Call: Schaefer, Mackleit, Kackman, Golden and McRae: Yes. Huntwork: Abstained.

GOOD OF THE CITY:

Colfax girls basketball team has the #1 seeding for regionals. Saturday they will play in Cheney High School.

MacDougall Track Invite will be April 22nd.

Colfax little guy wrestling tournament will be Saturday March 11th

BILLS AND CLAIMS:

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

CLAIMS	PAYROLL
#8451-8482 & EFT	#8445-8450 & EFT
\$483,387.17	\$54,432.77

GRAND TOTAL: \$537,819.94

CITIZENS REQUEST:

PUBLIC HEARING:

PRESENTATION/WORK STUDY:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 23-02 Set Public Hearing for Annexation:

The City of Colfax received a petition for annexation from the Whitman County Public Hospital District No. 3. The proposed annexation name: Whitman County Public Hospital District No. #-McGraw Annexation. Resolution 23-02 acknowledges receipt of petition and allows the city to set a public hearing. The proposed public hearing date is March 20th at the regular scheduled City Council Meeting.

Kackman encouraged city staff to confirm the applicant shows how they tie into the city limits boundary.

A motion was entered by Kackman, seconded by Huntwork to approve Resolution 23-02 setting the public hearing for annexation. Roll Call: All Yes.

Kackman explained this is a quasi-judicial process and it is important to not engage in communication to the matter prior to the hearing. The council needs to appear objective and be objective in the decision making process. If you have a conflict of interest or an appearance of a conflict of interest you may consider whether you can objectively evaluate that decision.

Washington State has a law about conflict of interest for elected officials. You might consider recusing yourself if you do have a conflict of interest.

We also need to pre zone the property to the correct zone for what their intentions are. That way we won't be back in here with a request for zone change after the fact

Legislative Updates:

Mayor Retzer and Golden attended the AWC Conference in Olympia. Retzer then spent time in the Capital with the Representatives advocating for money for the pool and the Island and Main bridge project. In April we should find out if we will receive anything.

Representative Dye will be advocating for us on the pool project. She helped out with Garfield on their grant for their pool project.

Retzer stated his visit went very well and Dave Buri was his guide getting him where he needed to go and in a timely manner.

Retzer encouraged the council to attend the AWC Conference in the future, it is very informative. Golden applied for and received a scholarship to attend the conference.

AWC polled cities as to what they wanted AWC to advocate for at the Legislative Action Days:

1. Response to Blake Decision
2. Address vehicle pursuits
3. Ensure basic infrastructure funding
4. Housing- availability and affordability
5. Provide behavioral health

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DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Public Works:

Public Works Director Matt Hammer reported Clay Street Well is not up and running as of yet, they are waiting for the final stamp of approval from the Department of Health.

The merry go round is back up at Schmuck Park.

Police:

Retzer stated oral boards for the police hiring process will be Thursday. There is one lateral applicant and an entry level applicant.

COMMITTEE/BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

OTHER BUSINESS:


CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

MAYORS REPORT:

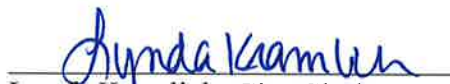
EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Retzer adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.



Jim Retzer, Mayor



Lynda Kramlich, City Clerk