

**COLFAX CITY COUNCIL**  
**March 6, 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, Guenther, Kackman and Huntwork: Present. Call: All Yes.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion was entered by Golden, seconded by Schaefer to approve the minutes from the February 21, 2023 Council meeting. Roll Call: McRae, Schaefer, Mackleit, Kackman, Huntwork, and Golden: Yes. Guenther: Abstained.

**GOOD OF THE CITY:**

Colfax Girls Basketball had a very successful weekend and brought home the State B Championship.

WSU Girls Basketball won the Pac 12 Championship. This is the first time ever for the WSU Girls and it has been over 80 years for WSU to bring home a Pac 12 Championship. Gonzaga girls won their first game in the WCC Tournament today.

**BILLS AND CLAIMS:**

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

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**CLAIMS**

#489-8492, 8499-8517  
\$13,605.15

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**PAYROLL**

#8483-8488, 8493-8498 & EFT  
\$78,621.04

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**GRAND TOTAL: \$92,226.19**

**CITIZENS REQUEST:**

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**PRESENTATION/WORK STUDY:**

**WSDOT-Update on 195/26 Bridge:**

Jody Qualley, Mike Walton and Patrick Barclay from the WSDOT are present to give the update on the US 195 Colfax north fork bridge replacement.

Qualley distributed a flyer that included the project description, next steps, summary of community feedback and safety analysis. March 28<sup>th</sup> they will host another community

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engagement from 5-8 p.m. at the Center, stating this will be more of an educational outreach at the next open house.

Retzer asked what the results were for their analysis the Tee Intersection or the Leg Roundabout. Qualley stated the roundabout was the preferred. They are looking at a single lane with fly by free rights on to 195 and 26.

The council expressed concerns regarding the loss of the Chevron Convenient Store with either of the options presented.

Huntwork stated the council's job is to protect the city's best interest.

### **Resolution 23-03-Lodging Tax Application-MacDougall Invite:**

Jason Cooper is asking for \$5,000 for the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual MacDougall Track & Field Invitational set for April 22, 2023. Cooper distributed an updated budget outlining each expense and revenue.

A motion was entered by Golden, seconded by McRae to approve Resolution 23-03 Lodging Tax Application for the MacDougall Invite. Roll Call: All Yes.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

#### **Public Works:**

Public Works Director Matt Hammer reported the Clay Street Well has been up and running good for a week.

Schaefer asked what percentage each well pumps. Hammer stated 70% of the water comes from Glenwood.

#### **Police:**

Police Chief Bruce Blood reported the dog pound upgrade is complete and looks great and very functional.

The city is continuing their search for an officer, there are two applicants that passed the oral board exam and will move on to background investigations.

#### **Administration:**

City Administrator/Finance Director Chris Mathis stated she submitted the initial information for the 2020-2021 MPD Audit. Later this year will be the three year audit for the city.

### **COMMITTEE/BOARD/COMISSION REPORTS:**

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Huntwork reported there have been a couple of incidents of people parking on the sidewalks in town. He is concerned about pedestrian safety and asked the police to keep an eye out for it.

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**CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

**MAYORS REPORT:**

Retzer stated Representative Joe Schmick and Representative Mary Dye will host a telephone town hall on Monday, March 13 from 6-7 p.m. There will be an automated call to landlines in the district, if you don't have a landline you can call in: 509-841-0315.

Retzer announced the vehicular pursuits made it out of the committee, after two years they will take the statistics back to the drawing board. Retzer is hopeful that since it came out of the committee there is a chance to change it.

Retzer encouraged the council to reach out to the representatives and thank them for their support.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Retzer adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

  
Jim Retzer, Mayor

  
Lynda Kramlich, City Clerk