

COLFAX CITY COUNCIL
March 15, 2021

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Retzer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

Golden, Guenther, Christopherson, Mackleit, Miller and Huntwork: Present. Kackman: Absent. A motion was entered by Golden, seconded by Huntwork to excuse Kackman. Roll Call: All Yes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was entered by Golden, seconded by Miller to approve the minutes from the March 1, 2021 Council meeting. Roll Call: All Yes.

GOOD OF THE CITY:

Businesses are doing better and eating establishments are healthier as restrictions have been lifted.

Mr. Pugh the High School Superintendent reported everyone is doing great back in school. Colfax was one of the leaders in the state to bringing kids back to in-person learning.

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	PAYROLL
6205, 6212-6238	6206-6211 & EFT
\$15,682.11	\$49,487.43

GRAND TOTAL: \$65,169.54

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Ordinance 21-01 Update CMC 15.02 Construction Code-

Building and Community Development Steve Bretveld stated he didn't change anything in the update from last council meeting. He reached out to Code Council, WABO and looked at RCW to see if we can opt out of any the code such as the energy portion. He found that we cannot lessen the code in any way and specifically can't change the energy code.

A motion was entered by Guenther, seconded by Golden to approve Ordinance 21-01 Update to CMC 15.02 Construction Code. Roll Call: All Yes.

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DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire:

Fire Chief Craig Corbeill reported they have transitioned and are using part time help now that Jake Smith left, his last day was March 5th. Things are going smoothly and the hiring process is underway.

Corbeill reported the rescue truck is jointly owned by Fire District 11 and the Ambulance service but is shared with all the entities in the area. Fire District 11 voted at their last meeting to upgrade the air tanks on Rescue 11. This is good news for Colfax as we use the rescue truck on structure fires to refill air bottles the firefighters use to go into a burning structure. The city has upgraded our air bottles to 4500 PSI and the rescue truck was only configured to fill those air bottles to 3100 PSI. With this upgrade they will be able to fill those bottles to capacity. Corbeill stated this is about a \$7,000 investment the district made that will benefit the City of Colfax. Corebeill also reported the department has been invited by Fire District #7 to participate in a technical rope rescue class, they are requesting a crew to come in the ladder truck from Colfax. This is a training that doesn't happen often, Corebeill is happy to get an invite.

Police:

Police Chief Bruce Blood reported they are adapting to the Washington State Supreme Court ruling State vs. Baker making an arrest for possession of drugs unconstitutional. They have been notified by the prosecutor that several cases have been thrown out or tabled for now. Blood went on to say the department is in the process of eliminating all of the contraband from their evidence with the guidance of the prosecuting attorney.

The 2004 Ford Explorer is being processed and prepped for sale. Blood recapped the issues with the transmission and cooling, he checked into repairing and the estimate was \$3,000 to \$3,500 which is well above value of vehicle.

Blood reported our newest hire Chase Kurtz is registered to start the Basic Law Enforcement Class April 7th this class will run through August 11th. They are busy getting Kurtz equipped and ready for class.

Tyler Paris who is currently in the academy is set to graduate the 3rd week in April. He will go through the FTO (Field Training Officer) and Blood hopes to have him fully up to speed and on the road by himself by August.

MAYORS REPORT:

Mayor Retzer attended the East Regional Mayor's meeting online. They assessed the letter they sent to Governor Inslee requesting to proceed into Phase 3, they all felt was a good thing. March 22nd the whole state will move to Phase 3, the mayor's plan to meet again to discuss what Phase 4 should look like. Retzer stated there was a lot of talk with all the mayors and they are looking forward to the future.

Retzer reported Public Works Director Matt Hammer is working on a map or diagram of the square footage of the water tank by Hauser Addition. At this point we will not be moving forward until the easements get figured out.

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Today Retzer received an announcement from AWC regarding the \$1.1 million for Washington Cities that was approved for the CARES Act. It will be interesting to see how that will be disbursed and what amount we will receive. Those funds will be utilized for responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, covering cost for the public health emergency and lost or decreased revenues. These funds will also address negative impact on local businesses and non- profits and making necessary investments in our water, sewer and broadband infrastructure.

Huntwork asked if we are getting rid of 1 or 2 police vehicles. Blood answered that we are just getting rid of the Explorer at this time.

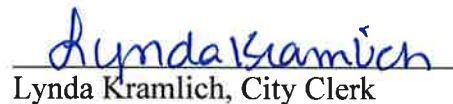
Mackleit asked with moving into Phase 3 when the council can get back in session. Retzer stated we can take a look at that on the 22nd as we move into phase 3. We will discuss how we will proceed. Retzer asked several other mayors during the mayor meeting of what they have been doing for meetings. A lot are doing like we are and some that have less than 10 they have been meeting in person with social distancing. Retzer appreciates everyone working with the technical difficulties we have had with online meetings. Golden stated the online should be an option from here on out, it is a great option for the public to participate.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Retzer adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.



Jim Retzer, Mayor



Lynda Kramlich, City Clerk