

COLFAX CITY COUNCIL
May 1, 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 and Huntwork: Present. Kackman: Absent.
A motion was entered by Golden, seconded by Schaefer to excuse Kackman. Roll Call: All Yes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was entered by Golden, seconded by McRae to approve the minutes from the April 17, 2023 Council meeting. Roll Call: Schaefer, Mackleit, Guenther, Golden and McRae: Yes.
Huntwork: Abstained.

GOOD OF THE CITY:

MacDougall Invite had a good turnout with good weather.

Little League Breakfast is May 6, 2023.

May 13 the placing of the planters downtown has been moved from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.

Whitman County Library is hosting a Mother's Tea for a fundraiser for the Friends of the Library, tickets are \$30.

Whitman County Library hosted a State Patrol Police Safety Talk for 1st-4th graders. Retzer, Chief Blood and a State Patrol K-9 Unit attended.

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

#8641, 8650-8665
\$47,537.79

PAYROLL

#8642-8643, 8644-8649 & EFT
\$58,195.39

GRAND TOTAL: \$105,733.18

CITIZENS REQUEST:

PUBLIC HEARING:

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PRESENTATION/WORK STUDY:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire:

Firefighter John Lautenslager reported they are about 1/3 of the way through hydrant testing. They started on the north side of town working their way south.

Police:

Chief Blood and Retzer picked up the new car from Colton today. The 2017 Ford Explorer is nice car with just under 6500 miles, they will get the few finishing touches done so they can get it on the road.

Retzer stated when he first became mayor the police department was stressed on cars and purchased a blazer from Whitman County with maybe a 2 year plan. The blazer is now starting to have issues and they are hoping to surplus the blazer while it still has life left. This new patrol car will replace the blazer.

One of the backgrounds came back on the lateral officer; Retzer is hoping to receive the other background later this week.

City wide Colfax clean-up day is scheduled for May 20th.

COMMITTEE/BOARD/COMISSION REPORTS:

OTHER BUSINESS:

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

MAYORS REPORT:

Retzer is happy to announce we did very well at the end of the Legislative Session, we received \$1,040,000 as a line item for pool renovations. This plus the \$350,000 grant will give the city a good amount to work with. Retzer also has other opportunities in the works for donations to add to that amount. Staff will begin the planning process for the renovation and will have 2 years to finish the project and spend the money. Retzer is looking forward on working on the pool renovation project.

Super Colfax took in 34 pounds of unused drugs at the last drug take back.

Mega Bus is a new bus line that will be bringing new bus routes and stops through Colfax.

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Retzer informed the council the Legislation did not come to a decision on the Blake Decision so that will likely die and there will not be repercussions for drug use. Cities are scrambling to come up with ordinances to deal with drug issues. Retzer would like to see what bigger towns are doing to handle these problems as they have the resources to write these ordinances. Then the smaller cities can follow on to what they come up with. Retzer heard rumblings of a possible special legislation session to address this decision but nothing has been set yet.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Retzer adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.


Jim Retzer, Mayor


Lynda Kramlich, City Clerk