

COLFAX CITY COUNCIL
June 16, 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, Guenthner, Sevedge and Huntwork: Present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was entered by Golden, seconded by Schaefer to approve the minutes from the June 2, 2025 Council meeting. Roll Call: All Yes.

Amend Council Minutes 5-15-23

A motion was entered by Golden, seconded by Huntwork to approve the amended minutes from May 15, 2023 Council meeting. Roll Call: All Yes.

GOOD OF THE CITY:

The fundraising event for the Barnett Family was well attended. Between \$14,000 and \$15,000 was raised to help offset medical costs as Mrs. Barnett battles cancer.

Palouse Summer Series held their first tournament of the season last weekend.

Snake River Family Fest at Boyer Park was a great family event.

BILLS AND CLAIMS:

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

CLAIMS

#10869-10905

\$225,806.56

PAYROLL

#10862-10868 & EFT

\$63,786.91

GRAND TOTAL: \$289,593.47

CITIZENS REQUEST:

PUBLIC HEARING:

PRESENTATION/WORK STUDY:

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Resolution 25-12- Water System Plan:

City Administrator Matt Hammer stated a resolution was previously passed for the Water System Plan prior to the Department of Health's approval. DOH has now approved the plan and passing an updated resolution is necessary. Hammer removed the verbiage "6 year" stating this plan can be in effect until changes need to be made.

A motion was entered by Schaefer, seconded by Mackleit to approve Resolution 25-12 Water System Plan. Roll Call: All Yes.

NEW BUSINESS:

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Police:

Police Chief Mike Melcher reported they will be participating in the Active Shooter Mass Casualty Training exercise scheduled at the Colfax High School June 18th.

There are two possible candidates for oral board interviews scheduled for June 26th.

Public Works:

Hammer informed the council a contractor for the fire department roof replacement has been selected and the down payment has been sent, the cities insurance CIAW has reimbursed the city.

Hammer updated the council on the timeline for the pool. The concrete pour for the deck will be July 21st which requires a 28-day cure time. Crews are working on the conduit for the lights and plumbing then will place the liner. After the WMS crew is done, public works will get in and do landscaping and finish work to complete the project.

Retzer stated he has promised the pool would not be closed 2 years.

Council member expressed concern with the public asking about when the pool will be opening.

A discussion ensued regarding the realistic timeframe of the pool opening this year and the desire to be transparent to the public about the timeline we are up against.

Should we be able to complete the project and have the pool operational for a few weekends, we can explore the possibility of recruiting lifeguards from surrounding pools to help guard.

A motion was entered by Huntwork seconded by Sevedge to have Kramlich draft a letter to provide details to the public regarding the status of the pool, following approval from the council the letter will be published. Roll Call: All Yes.

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Administration:

Finance Amanda Link reported she has been working on the sending out the Consumer Confidence Water Report that is due by the end of the month, and continuing work with Xpress Bill Pay.

COMMITTEE/BOARD/COMISSION REPORTS:

OTHER BUSINESS:

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

MAYORS REPORT:

Retzer recently met with the 9th District Representative Joe Schmick to discuss the delays of the North Main Bridge replacement. The roundabout project has been put on hold for four years, and Retzer expressed significant concerns about further postponing this project.

Representative Schmick mentioned that he had been approached by the Colfax Chamber with concerns about traffic being rerouted around Colfax during the project.

Retzer clarified that this was never the plan and that several public meetings were held to discuss the project. He also explained that the city plans to install a water service line at the time of the bridge replacement. Retzer further conveyed that he and Hammer have both expressed concerns that delaying the project is not in Colfax's best interest.

Schmick has asked the Department of Transportation to return for public meetings to ensure all parties are in agreement.


Retzer informed the council the funeral for former Mayor Norma Becker was held today, she served 5 terms from 1992-2011.

A three-minute moment of silence was observed in her honor.


EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Retzer adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.



Jim Retzer, Mayor



Lynda Kramlich, City Clerk