

COLFAX CITY COUNCIL
August 5, 2024

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 July 15, 2024 Council meeting. Roll Call: Golden, McRae, Schaefer, Mackleit, Guenthner and Huntwork: Yes. Sevedge: Abstained.

GOOD OF THE CITY:

Colfax Church of the Nazarene has a new sign up.

Jessica Ellithorpe was named Washington Distinguished Young Woman last weekend in Pullman. First runner-up was Holly Heitstuman from Colton and Karley Wigen from Colfax High School won the Interview category.

Morton Street repaving project looks really good.

BILLS AND CLAIMS:

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

CLAIMS

#9921-9922, 9931, 9939-9964
\$55,229.51

PAYROLL

#9923-9930, 9932-9938 & EFT
\$89,661.46

GRAND TOTAL: \$144,890.97

CITIZENS REQUEST:

PUBLIC HEARING:

PRESENTATION/WORK STUDY:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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Roundabout Buffer Decision:

Public Work Director Matt Hammer asked the council what their preference would be on the roundabout buffer. Last meeting the options discussed were: grass, rock, gravel, clover or artificial turf. Hammer stated from a maintenance perspective the artificial turf would be the lowest maintenance.

A motion was entered by Golden, seconded by Mackleit to approve Resolution 24-04 to have WSDOT install artificial turf as a buffer on the 195 Bridge Replacement Roundabout. Roll Call: All Yes.

Roundabout Luminaires Maintenance:

Hammer stated WSDOT will install 8 luminaires in the roundabout. WDOT estimated the maintenance agreement for the operations and maintenance of the luminaires would be \$328.27 per year per luminaire, totaling \$2,626.13 a year for all 8 lights. Hammer stated the maintenance should be kept fairly low as they will install LED lights. Hammer prefers the city taking on the maintenance.

A motion was entered by Golden, seconded by Schaefer to approve Resolution 24-05 agreeing to take on the maintenance of the luminaires that will be placed in the roundabout by WSDOT. Roll Call: All Yes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Interim Police Chief:

Police Officer Perry Tate was sworn in as the Interim Police Chief. This will be a three-month appointment. Officer Erica Warren just finished her three-month Interim Police Chief period. The city will open the application process back up for the vacant Police Chief position.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Police:

Tate reported Officers Erica Warren and Chase Kurtz have resigned. The city has hired Cody Johnson as an entry level officer, he will be attending a police academy starting in September.

Fire:

Firefighter David Buckley reported the new brush truck responded to its first fire and performed great, just as expected. The fire was out on South Palouse River Road, Engine 1 was stationed on Valleyview as a precaution. Buckley stated there was a grass buffer between the burning shed and the trees on the hillside of Valleyview.

Buckley went on to say the fire department didn't report as an arson, the homeowner expressed concern of it being a possible arson. Pullman Fire Inspector is investigating the incident.

Public Works:

Hammer stated road construction is still going on.

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The city is sweeping for the county chip seal project on Thorn, South Mill, South East and Cooper.

Motley and Motley continues work on Sumner Street.

Administration:

City Administrator Chris Mathis sent out an invite for the Audit Exit Interview. Mathis asked that anyone able to attend please notify her.

COMMITTEE/BOARD/COMISSION REPORTS:

OTHER BUSINESS:

Pool:

Building and Community Development Shawn McSweeney received plans for the bath house. Parks Steve Larkin has been working on preliminary demo work.

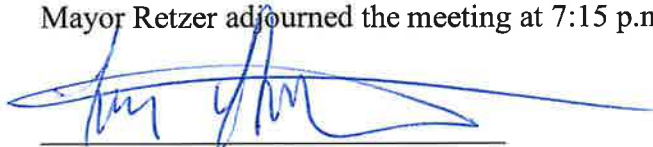
CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

MAYORS REPORT:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Retzer adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.



Tom Huntwork, Mayor Pro Tem



Lynda Kramlich, City Clerk