

COLFAX CITY COUNCIL
August 19, 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, Guenther and Sevedge: Present. Huntwork: Absent.
A motion was entered by Golden, seconded by Schaefer to excuse Huntwork: Roll Call: All Yes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was entered by Golden, seconded by Guenther to approve the minutes from the August 5, 2024 Council meeting. Roll Call: All Yes.

GOOD OF THE CITY:

The Wild Ember Restaurant had their Grand Opening on Saturday, a huge success.

Sandy and Deanna are doing a great job caring for the planters on Main Street.

Thursday is the Colfax High School open house, followed by Meet the Bulldog.

The Kiwanis Club of Colfax and their sponsors were able to purchase school supplies for all the grade school and high school students for this coming school year.

PTO will host a Movie in the Park Thursday August 22nd.

BILLS AND CLAIMS:

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

CLAIMS

#9973-10026

\$930,584.94

PAYROLL

#9965-9972 & EFT

\$82,622.85

GRAND TOTAL: \$1,013,207.79

CITIZENS REQUEST:

PUBLIC HEARING:

PRESENTATION/WORK STUDY:

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Set Budget Workshop Dates:

City Administrator Chris Mathis asked to set budget workshops in October.

Mathis suggested the workshops be held before at 5:30 p.m. before the council meetings October 7th and 14th.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire:

Firefighter David Buckley reported they have responded mutual aid for a few accidents that have been close to city limits. They extrication equipment that was purchased a couple years back has been put to good use.

Police:

Officer Bruce Blood introduced Cody Johnson the new police officer. Johnson will attend the academy in Burien starting September 16th.

Blood reported he did an emphasis on North Palouse River Road last weekend. Six cars passed by during his time out there, two stops resulted in tickets.

Administration:

Mathis distributed the Auditor's Exit Conference for the council to review.

Retzer stated the city had a clean audit, the staff worked together well to get the information to the auditors. More work went into this audit than years past, Retzer really appreciates the efforts of all the staff that helped out.

COMMITTEE/BOARD/COMISSION REPORTS:

OTHER BUSINESS:

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

MAYORS REPORT:

Retzer updated the council on the pool. City staff tore out concrete around the pool and set up temporary fencing for construction safety. WMS was here last week and started digging for the ADA bathrooms. We received plans for the pool house, but are still waiting on the permits from the state to begin working on the pool vessel.

Schaefer suggested once we receive the plans, we request a plan review.

Schaefer asked where we are with the chicken code.

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Mathis stated Planning commission meets Wednesday August 21st and chickens is the only item on the agenda.

There was discussion about road cleaning and rock removal following the ATTA Seal.

The contractors are coming back to do a final sweep at some point. City crews are busy on the Thorn Hill area sweeping the chip seal put down by Whitman County.

Sevedge asked about the advertising process for this kind of road work.

Mathis stated we put in the paper, social media and on the website. It is difficult because there is not a one size fits all for getting the word out. Many do not take the local paper; some don't do social media or follow the website while mailings are very costly and often missed or ignored. The contractor has been working in other cities as well as ours and they don't give a lot of warning as to when they will return to finish up.

McRae asked about washboards on Fairview.

Retzer stated the whole purpose of this roadwork is to save our roads and save on maintenance. The ATTA Seal is a different process from Chip sealing and is approved by the DOT.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Retzer adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.


Jim Retzer, Mayor


Lynda Kramlich, City Clerk