

COLFAX CITY COUNCIL
September 18, 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 and Huntwork: Present. A motion was entered by Golden, seconded by Schaefer to excuse Guenther and Kackman. Roll Call: All Yes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was entered by Golden, seconded by Huntwork to approve the minutes from the September 5, 2023 Council meeting. Roll Call: All Yes.

GOOD OF THE CITY:

Planters downtown are getting cleaned up in preparation of fall.

Last weekend the CDA incubator's two businesses held their Grand Reopening for Coco Bee and Grand Opening for the Cellar.

The Whitman County Fair was a big success this year with 20,000 through the gate and three rodeos Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The Chamber of Commerce sponsored the city wide garage sales last weekend.

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	PAYROLL
#9010, 9041-9051, 9073-9109	#9011-9044, 9052-9072 & EFT
\$116,668.28	\$159,229.73

GRAND TOTAL: \$275,898.01

CITIZENS REQUEST:

PUBLIC HEARING:

PRESENTATION/WORK STUDY:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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NEW BUSINESS:

Updating the following ordinances is necessary due to the state charging the court for PSEA (Public Safety and Education Assessment) adding to the city's base penalty for Colfax Municipal Code violations. Anyone committing a civil infraction will be given a fine set forth in the yearly fee schedule. The general penalty also needs updated to refer to the fee schedule as well.

Ordinance 23-06- Update CMC Chapter 6 Animals-

A motion was entered by Golden, seconded by Schafer to approve Ordinance 23-06 amending CMC Chapter 6 Animals. Roll Call: All Yes.

Ordinance 23-07- Update CMC Chapter 8 Health and Safety-

A motion was entered by Golden, seconded by McRae to approve Ordinance 23-07 amending CMC Chapter 8 Health and Safety. Roll Call: All Yes.

Ordinance 23-08- Update CMC Chapter 10 Vehicles and Traffic-

A motion was entered by Golden seconded by Schaefer to approve Ordinance 23-08 amending CMC Chapter 10 Vehicles and Traffic. Roll Call: All Yes.

Ordinance 23-09- Update CMC Chapter 1.04 General Penalty-

A motion was entered by Golden, seconded by Schaefer to approve Ordinance 23-09 amending CMC Chapter 1.04.010 General Penalty. Roll Call: All Yes.

Resolution 23-10- Parks Facilities Upgrade- Local Parks Maintenance Program Applicant Authorization and Electronic Signature

City Administrator Chris Mathis stated this resolution is a formality to authorize Chris Mathis to act as the authorized agent on behalf of the city for the no match RCO Grant for deferred maintenance. The city will request funds for outdoor lights at the pool, tennis court and skate park, replace picnic tables at Schmuck Park shelter and a gator and plow for McDonald Park.

A motion was entered by Golden, seconded by Shaefer to approve Resolution 23-10 Parks Facilities Upgrade. Roll Call: All Yes.

Set Budget Workshop Dates-

Budget workshops will be held before council in October:

October 2nd at 5:30 p.m.

October 16th at 5:30 p.m.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire:

Firefighter David Buckley reported it has been business as usual. The part time firefighter is trained and is filling shifts for the department.

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Police:

Chief Bruce Blood reported Joey McCollum will be leaving for the Air Force full time. We will start the hiring process for his replacement.

Administration:

Mathis will send information out to the council regarding a request from Dennis and Diane Solbrack. They would like to utilize platted Ann Street for a driveway for a home they want to build on their property. The city has been working with Land Use Attorney Michael Connelly on a Conditional Use License Agreement. Mathis went on to say the right of way is 40 feet wide so they should be able to stay out of backyards. This is not the only access but is the best approach. Mathis asked any council members wanting to go up and look at the area she can set a time to do that.

COMMITTEE/BOARD/COMISSION REPORTS:

OTHER BUSINESS:

MPD Meeting: No business.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

MAYORS REPORT:


EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Retzer adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.



Jim Retzer, Mayor



Lynda Kramlich, City Clerk