

COLFAX CITY COUNCIL
December 19, 2022

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Retzer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

Golden, McRae, Schaefer, Mackleit, Guentner and Kackman: Present. Huntwork: Absent. A motion was entered by Golden, seconded by Kackman to excuse Huntwork. Roll Call: All Yes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was entered by Golden, seconded by Guentner to approve the minutes from the December 5, 2022 Council meeting. Roll Call: All Yes.

GOOD OF THE CITY:

Public Works is doing a great job keeping roads clear of all the snow we have gotten.

BILLS AND CLAIMS:

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

CLAIMS	PAYROLL
#8254-8293 & EFT	#8246-8253 & EFT
\$405,716.06	\$49,646.51

GRAND TOTAL: \$455,362.57

CITIZENS REQUEST:

PUBLIC HEARING:

PRESENTATION/WORK STUDY:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Port of Whitman- Water Supply Service Agreement:

Debbie Snell, Port of Whitman Properties and Development Manager announced she retires next Friday and introduced Jennifer Holt the new Business Development Director. Holt will be doing a combination of property matters as well as business recruitment.

Snell and Holt are here to remind the council that the Port of Whitman visited with the city a few years ago to work out a deal where the city would extend their water service area out to the Port of Whitman Business Air Center. City Administrator Chris Mathis sent out the Water Supply Service Agreement the City of Colfax and the Port of Whitman have been working on. Snell

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expressed her appreciation for all the help the city has put into this project as it has been a very long process.

This agreement will be included in the Water Plan Revision that will be done early 2023 for councils final review and vote.

The Whitman County Commissioners and the Port of Whitman Commissioners met and one of the topics they discussed was the proposed bridge design for the north end of town. The Port of Whitman's Executive Director Kara Riebold would like to convey to the council and mayor from the Port Commissioners and the Whitman County Commissioners they will heavily weigh the option the city of Colfax prefers when they weigh in on this project. Riebold will contact the mayor to discuss further.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance 22-06 Budget Amendment:

Mathis stated this includes improvements to the parks from AARPA Funds as well as budgeted water meters purchased ahead of time at a sale price.

A motion was entered by Kackman, seconded by Golden to approve Ordinance 22-06 Budget Amendment. Roll Call: All Yes.

Resolution 22-20 2022-2024 Police Guild Contract:

Police Chief Bruce Blood is pleased with this contract and the officers are happy as well.

Retzer stated with what is happening in the world this is a good contract. It is both fair to the city and the officers. It also keeps up competitive.

A motion was entered by Kackman, seconded by Shaefer to approve Resolution 22-20 2022-2024 Police Guild Contract. Roll Call: All Yes.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Police:

Chief Blood announced the department is now in compliance with the Attorney General and RCW 10.120.020 Use of Force Policy. This was updated 18 months ago, the department molded that into the city use of force policy. Blood submitted the paperwork and confirmed we are in compliance.

Blood stated the Tahoe was at a repair shop for warranty work and was damaged by the facility. Blood contacted them and they investigated and found it was one of their personnel that damaged the vehicle, they completed the repair free of charge and the unit is now back in service.

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Fire:

Fire Chief Michael Chapman stated the Fireman's Toy Drive was a huge success with a lot of support from the community. Jamie Keller took the project over this year. Last year they served 187 families, this year 235 families were served.

Public Works:

City Administrator Chris Mathis reported that everything will be in place by January for the Clay Street Well project.

Administration:

Mathis reported she is completing the end of the year wrap up.

COMMITTEE/BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

OTHER BUSINESS:

MPD:

Retzer adjourned the council meeting at 7:45 p.m. to enter into the Metropolitan Park District.

Retzer reconvened the council meeting at 7:46 p.m.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

MAYORS REPORT:


Retzer stated Matt Hammer, Chris Mathis, Joe Schmick, John Kragt and himself met with the DOT regarding the bridge near Main and Island. Retzer stated it went better than he expected. The DOT has some things they will get back to us on. Retzer felt like Schmick was there to support us and gave some good points in support of the city.

Retzer wished everyone a great and safe holiday.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Retzer adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.



Jim Retzer, Mayor



Lynda Kramlich, City Clerk