

COLFAX CITY COUNCIL
December 6, 2021

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

Golden, Guenther, Christopherson, Mackleit, Kackman and Huntwork: Present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was entered by Guenther, seconded by Golden to approve the minutes from the November 15, 2021 Council meeting. Roll Call: All Yes.

GOOD OF THE CITY:

Winterfest was wonderful.

Mayor Retzer thanked Molly Keogh from the Chamber, the CDA and the Art's Council for a job well done. Dylan Nails was a hit dressed as the Grinch and played the part very well. Also, a big thank you for the Colfax Public Works, Police and Fire for all they did as well.

Retzer went on to say it was great to see everyone coming together for the community and putting on a great event. The Christmas lights on Main Street, the parade and the fireworks after the parade were all a big hit.

BILLS AND CLAIMS:

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

CLAIMS

7093-7096, 7103-7133

\$26,142.48

PAYROLL

7087-7092, 7097-7102 & EFT

\$77,945.21

GRAND TOTAL: \$104,087.69

PUBLIC HEARING:

Ordinance 21-04 2022 Budget and Fee Schedule-

Mayor Retzer opened the public hearing at 7:05 p.m.

City Administrator Chris Mathis informed the council the budget is the same as the council went over in the budget workshops. Mathis tweaked revenue numbers as new numbers came to light.

The budget has been published out for the public for a month with no public comment. The fee schedule was updated as well.

Retzer asked for public comment for the proposed budget. There were none.

Retzer asked for public comment against the proposed budget. There were none.

With no additional comments Retzer closed the public hearing at 7:07 p.m.

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Due to the large audience tonight, Kackman clarified that the council has gone over this budget in previous meetings and budget workshops. Kackman commended the department head on managing their budgets very well and proposing a good budget.

Guenthner reiterated that all the department heads have done a great job with their budgets. A motion was entered by Mackleit, seconded by Golden to approve Ordinance 21-04 2022 Budget and Fee Schedule. Roll Call: All Yes.

NEW BUSINESS:

New Council Member Presentation-

Retzer explained the process and asked that each candidate introduce themselves.

Hillary Hoffman read her letter to the council.

Ken Taylor introduced himself to the council.

Crystn Guenther spoke to the council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Discuss Council Applicant Qualifications:

Mayor Retzer excused the council into the office area to discuss qualifications of the candidates at 7:22 p.m. City Council reconvened at 7:31 p.m.

Mayor Retzer tallied the votes and announced Crystn Guenther will fill the vacant seat.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Public Works:

Public Works Director Matt Hammer reported next week December 13th Pump Tech will pull the pump out of the Clay Street well. Most of the cost of this project was budgeted for in 2022 but they are able to start this year using funds allocated for the 2021 meter replacement project that has been delayed.

Police:

Police Chief Bruce Blood announced it has been a little over a month and they have been fully staffed; they are covering all vacations and time off without the need to use the Sheriff's Office for coverage. Blood went on to say everyone is getting along well and the team is coming together.

Blood reported the two new officers who recently completed the academy are doing phenomenal; the academy really prepared them well.

Golden stated it is great to hear all the shifts are being covered and the moral has improved.

Blood stated they had 4 officers helping with the parade on Saturday.

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Blood updated the council on the car situation: the Crown Vic needs some extra care, the interface for the equipment and computers is not working together. They will retire the Crown Vic as soon as they get the Ford Explorer from the Washington State Patrol. Blood hoped to have the Explorer by now but it is currently held up by paperwork. Officer Tate is nursing the Chevrolet Blazer along as it is having engine troubles.

Resident Donna Huntwork appreciates the extra police presence on Main Street.

Resident Jil Mohr appreciates the extra patrols around her house when they leave for extended periods.

Blood stated speed enforcement dovetails into the Cops Grant they received. Blood also reported Tate has set a good example for the officers; at the beginning of each shift he drives through sections of the city for extra patrol and police presence in the neighborhoods.

Administration:

Mathis reported it has been business as usual. Mathis stated everyone has done great on the budget this year and she will not be asking for a budget amendment.

On Thursday City Hall may close for a portion of the day for duct cleaning.

Fire:

Fire Chief Michael Chapman reiterated Winterfest was amazing and the fire crews enjoyed their time out in the public.

The Fireman's Toy Drive is underway they are asking for monetary donations as well as toy donations. Chapman stated unfortunately with Shopko closing they no longer get a good discount on toys for purchase. Volunteers now do online shopping and travel to Spokane and Lewiston to buy the toys needed for the kids.

Anne McRae from P1FCU has a drop off container for food and coats. The banks focus this year will be on teenagers. Items can be dropped off at the Colfax branch and December 12th they will be sorting all the donations for distribution.

OTHER BUSINESS:

MPD:

Retzer adjourned the council meeting at 7:49 p.m. to enter into the Metropolitan Park District.

Retzer reconvened the council meeting at 7:53 p.m.

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MAYORS REPORT:

Retzer again thanked all that were involved with Winterfest, while he was in Boise visiting his new grandson he received several calls and texts about how great things went.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Retzer adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.


Jim Retzer, Mayor


Lynda Kramlich, City Clerk