

**COLFAX CITY COUNCIL**  
**February 7, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion was entered by Golden, seconded by Kackman to approve the minutes from the January 18, 2022 Council meeting. Roll Call: Shaefer, Guentner, Kackman, Golden, McRae: Yes. Huntwork: Abstained.

**GOOD OF THE CITY:**

Both the boys and girls basketball teams are moving on to Districts.

Mayor Retzer received a nice letter from the Deputy Prosecutor regarding Officer Tyler Paris doing a thorough and efficient job with a case which they were able to forward charges.

Two officers handled a call with an agitated citizen very well at P1FCU last week.

**BILLS AND CLAIMS:**

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

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<b>CLAIMS</b>	<b>PAYROLL</b>
#7270-7315 & EFT	#7273-7284 & EFT
\$69,444.49	\$47,151.37

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**GRAND TOTAL: \$116,595.86**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Resolution 22-04 Colfax Arts Council Lodging Tax Application:**

Colfax Arts Council submitted an application for lodging tax funds in the amount of \$1,500. The event they are requesting the money for is Yarn Bombing and will be part of the 150 year celebration.

A motion was entered by Guentner seconded by Schaefer to approve Resolution 22-04 Colfax Arts Council Lodging Tax Application. Roll Call: All Yes.

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### **Resolution 22-05 2022-2027 Parks Comprehensive Plan:**

Golden briefed the council on the updated plan. This plan is simplified from the previous plan with the main focus being for grants for the aquatic center/ pool renovation. Other highlights are: trails, greenway, connecting Hauser Addition with the city and renovating park bathrooms.

Kackman appreciates the indoor facility at McDonald Park included in this plan.

A motion was entered by Guenther, seconded by McRae to approve Resolution 22-05 adopting the 2022-2027 Comprehensive Park Plan. Roll Call: All Yes.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

#### **Police:**

Police Chief Bruce Blood reported he is finishing up evaluations.

Blood reported they are in dire need of funding and resources for mental illnesses. Right now there is no help and often have to take them to jail which is not a solution. If anyone gets a chance to talk to the legislatures and representatives regarding this issue he encourages them to do so.

City Administrator Chris Mathis reported every Friday you can join AWC lobbyist for weekly city action calls. City officials are invited to listen as the lobbyists deliver updates on bills and legislative action impacting cities.

#### **Public Works:**

Public Works Director Matt Hammer reported they are continuing work on the Clay Street well.

#### **Administration:**

Mathis reported Deputy Clerk Amanda Link is working on getting the software ready for the new smart meters that will be installed.

Mathis is finalizing the year end wrap up. Once that is completed she will start the process for the annual report. Mathis also reported the MPD is on a two year rotation for audits that will happen this year as well.

#### **Fire:**

Mathis reporting for Fire Chief Michael Chapman, he is finishing the year end evaluations.

### **MAYORS REPORT:**

Retzer updated the council that a committee has been formed regarding the Lake Street Greenway. Some progress has been happening and there is also support from the legislatures, which is a positive thing.

Mathis interjected Retzer has worked really hard at progressing the Greenway project. He has met with both Senator Mark Schoesler and Representative Joe Schmick here at the office and has taken them to see the rails.

Kackman stated this is a good vision for the city.

Golden stated this sparks a lot of imagination; he has gotten a lot of good feedback from people about the Greenway.

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Guenther would be happy to see some of that area cleaned up along the rails.

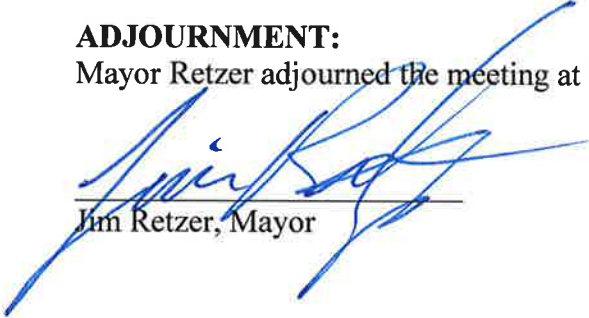
McRae suggested going to businesses and asking for donations to help fund the project.

Retzer stated Molly Keogh from the Colfax Chamber has a lot of great ideas on funding opportunities.

Mathis pointed out that the area in discussion is just within city limits and does not include the trail to Pullman.


**ADJOURNMENT:**

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



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Jim Retzer, Mayor



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Lynda Kramlich, City Clerk