

**COLFAX CITY COUNCIL**  
**February 22, 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, Guenther, Kackman and Huntwork: Present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Kramlich corrected the motion on the Bills and Claims of the minutes from the previous meeting. A motion was entered by Guentner, seconded by Kackman to approve the minutes from the February 7, 2022 Council meeting as amended. Roll Call: McRae, Schaefer, Guentner, Kackman, Huntwork and Golden: Yes. Mackleit: Abstained.

**GOOD OF THE CITY:**

City Administrator Chris Mathis announced the city earned the 2022 WellCity distinction by making an outstanding commitment to employee health. And achieved it during a pandemic! Each 2022 WellCity recipient receives a 2% premium discount on their AWC Employee Benefit Trust active medical premiums in 2023.

Retzer thanked the Fire Chief Michael Chapman and his crews for putting up the flags for President's Day.

**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>
7330-7351 & EFT	7323-7329 & EFT
\$33,879.82	\$48,299.37

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**GRAND TOTAL: \$82,179.19**

**CITIZENS REQUEST:**

Scott Pittman and Ken Arthur from the Colfax Golf Course are requesting permission from the city to allow them access to the 4 inch water line that runs from the Little League Field to McDonald Park for fire suppression for the 50 x 90 event center they plan to build. Hammer reported there are no real issues and typically they do not leave that line on in the winter months. If it is kept on in the winter they will have to have another shut off valve on the other side so McDonald Park can be shut off, this will be their responsibility to put in this valve. Hammer also stated there should be anywhere from 120 to 150 pounds of pressure.

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McRae confirmed this is only for the event center not the entire golf course.

Kackman stated an event center at the golf course will be phenomenal and a step in the right direction and if this is all we have to do to help this project, it is pretty simple.

A motion was entered by Kackman, seconded by Schaefer to approve Resolution 22-06 allowing the Colfax Golf Course to connect to the water main by the golf course to serve the event center.

Roll Call: All Yes.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **Ordinance 22-01 Update Fee Schedule:**

Mathis reported some things had been changed in the fee schedule previously and we need a backflow deposit for lawn sprinkler installation. This helps insure that backflow devices are installed for each one. Mathis reported that fee was added back in and also added that if you are operating without a permit you can receive a fine in hopes to encourage people to get the proper permits. Mathis asked the council if they would approve this update.

Hammer stated there was a contractor that came through last week and installed at least 6 sprinkler systems without permits. The city only knew about these installs because the contractor called in locates for the installation of these systems. This will require a deposit of \$100 and then once the backflow is installed and tested the deposit can be refunded. Hammer would need to add each new system into his data base to keep track of the yearly required testing.

Kackman asked about property maintenance fees that are in the fee schedule as he was looking through the list of fees.

Mathis asked if they are code enforcement fees. Mathis stated there are code enforcement fees in the fee schedule if you aren't properly following parts of the building code i.e. you can't have a bunch of garbage piled up in your yard. We don't just go out and ticket residents we work with them to get the problem fixed before it gets to that point.

A motion was entered by Golden, seconded by Mackleit to adopt Ordinance 22-01 Fee Schedule Update. Roll Call: All Yes.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

#### **Public Works:**

Hammer reported the crews have been busy sweeping the streets.

### **MAYORS REPORT:**

Retzer stated there are several law enforcement bills in legislation right now being discussed. The Greenway is also still in the process and hopefully that will go through and they can get funding do a study. Whether they pull rails up through rail banking or the property goes back to the city or appropriate land owners. Hopefully we can get some help from the DOT. Retzer has had several discussions with Joe Schmick about it and Schmick tells him to pass on to everyone to have patience, the process just doesn't happen as fast as we would like it.

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McRae asked when the 150 celebrations will be.

Retzer stated it is set for July 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> and the CDA and Chamber have a lot of activities planned: fun run, parade, kids area, disc golf, corn hole tournament, live band, dedication to Eells Park fountain and flowers placed in planters to name a few. The Art's Council will have yarn bombing and have permission to paint a mural on the Whitman County Public Safety Building.

Mathis attended the Historic Commission meeting and a member Alex Otero has found several articles in old Gazettes about the 50 year celebration. He plans to use those to write articles for the Gazette in hopes of building community awareness for the 100 year celebration.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Retzer adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

  
Jim Retzer, Mayor

  
Lynda Kramlich, City Clerk