

COLFAX CITY COUNCIL
March 3, 2025

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was entered by Golden, seconded by McRae to approve the minutes from the February 18, 2025 Council meeting. Roll Call: All Yes.

GOOD OF THE CITY:

City crews have been doing a great job picking up the gravel on Fairview.

Colfax High School Boys and Girls Basketball are heading to State Tournament March 5th-8th in Spokane.

Colfax Wrestling Team was at the State Tournament last weekend.

Spring sports started today.

Public Works has been busy with the clean up after the snow melt that included a mudslide on Fairview and local flooding.

BILLS AND CLAIMS:

A motion was entered by Schaefer, seconded by Mackleit to approve all bills and claims as presented. Roll Call: Mackleit, Sevedge, Golden, McRae and Schaefer. Yes. Guenthner: Abstained.

CLAIMS	PAYROLL
#10565-10570, 10577-10594	#10559-10564, 10571-10576 &
& EFT	EFT
\$189,137.90	\$90,185.68

GRAND TOTAL: \$279,323.58

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CITIZENS REQUEST:

Chamber President Gary Young informed the council they want to start a farmer's market that will run from May 1st – September 18th on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month from 4p.m.- 7p.m. They would like to use Eells Park.

The chamber held an open house at the Eagle's, Young reported there were 30 some people that attended and the excitement and passion was evident.

March 27th will be the next open house at the Eagle's from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

May 6th from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. the chamber will host a shred day at Rosauers.

The next mixer will be March 20th at Wild Ember and hosted by Napa 5:15 p.m.- 7:15 p.m.

Colfax Kiwanis Club's 2nd annual Masquerade Ball is March 15th from 7 p.m. – 10 p.m. at the Colfax Golf Course.

PUBLIC HEARING:

PRESENTATION/WORK STUDY:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Levee Accreditation:

City Administrator Matt Hammer has been in touch with the Army Corp of Engineers for levee accreditation. Hammer stated the Corp of Engineers is willing to share the cost of the process, the total estimate is \$300,000, our share would be \$150,000. Hammer has storm reserves that will cover the cost. Hammer would like to know from the council if they want him to proceed with this offer. FEMA stated there is a higher probability of the accreditation being accepted as the Corp of Engineers built the flood control.

The accreditation just states it will hold water. There are 140 home that could be affected by the flood zone update. The accreditation will benefit these home owners.

Hammer stated we are currently in a program, as long as we do maintenance and pass the inspections, they conduct the Corp of Engineers will rebuild the levee. Hammer went on to say we have passed our last inspections.

The Corp of Engineer feel confident they will be able to certify the levee.

The accreditation will be good for 10 years, once it is done it probably won't be revisited for another 50 years.

The consensus of the council is to go ahead with the accreditation, it will never be this price again.

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NEW BUSINESS:

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Public Works:

Hammer reported he has not heard from FEMA since February 21st.

The SR 195/ 26 bridge replacement is set to go out for bid in October.

Hammer spoke with Dennis Solbrack, he would like to come speak with the council again about Ann Street. Hammer told him the council would likely not want to hear the same request. The council is willing to look at Solbrack's request if it is not the previous request. He can submit on paper, if it is a different proposal he could be added to the agenda in the future.

Public Works crews have been busy sweeping the streets, cleaning up a mudslide on East Fairview and North Palouse River Road work.

Administration:

The city received a second chicken coop permit today.

Kramlich reported the front office is looking into a new payment application for the water bill system, customers will be able to view and pay their online and also set up autopay.

Police:

Retzer reported March 17th Perry Tate and Cody Johnson will be moving to Monday – Thursday nights.

There are 6 or 7 on the list for interviews for entry level officer. Retzer stated this is a lengthy process and we are trying to be as efficient as possible.

The Washington State Patrol has been gracious to us and helped with the background reports for all police hires.

COMMITTEE/BOARD/COMISSION REPORTS:

OTHER BUSINESS:

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

MAYORS REPORT:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Retzer adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m.


Jim Retzer, Mayor


Lynda Kramlich, City Clerk