

COLFAX CITY COUNCIL
March 18, 2024

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, Sevedge and Huntwork: Present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was entered by Guenthner seconded by McRae to approve the minutes from the March 4, 2024 Council meeting. Roll Call: All Yes.

GOOD OF THE CITY:

Little Kid's Wrestling was held last week, they had about 150 participants.

BILLS AND CLAIMS:

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

CLAIMS	PAYROLL
#9526-9545, 9547-9556	#9520-9525 & EFT
Void 9546	
\$359,496.66	\$64,368.62

GRAND TOTAL: \$423,865.28

CITIZENS REQUEST:

Attorney Roger Sandberg introduced himself to the council; he will be running for Superior Court Judge. Judge Gary Libey is retiring. Sandberg stated Libey, former Judge Frazier and Robinson are endorsing him.

PUBLIC HEARING:

PRESENTATION/WORK STUDY:

Chamber President Gary Young reported about the meet and greet the Chamber held March 6th. This was a time for all area clubs to come and introduce themselves and tell a bit about their organization. Young stated there were over 50 people in attendance. Some of the clubs would like to combine resources and help fund the revamp of the skate park. Their next meeting will be April 9th.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 24-02- Lodging Tax App. MacDougall Invitational-

Jason Cooper- Colfax High School Boys and Girls Head Track & Field Coach is asking for \$5,252.74 to help support the 6th Annual MacDougall Track and Field Invitational April 20, 2024. There will be many teams from across Washington but Cooper stated all of Whitman County Track Teams will be represented as well.

The council agrees this is what lodging tax funds should go to support.

A motion was entered by Golden, seconded by Huntwork to approve Resolution 24-02 Lodging Tax App. MacDougall Invitational. Roll Call: All Yes.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Police:

Police Chief Bruce Blood reported they have one candidate that was given a conditional offer, as long as he passes the background investigation, polygraph and psychological evaluation.

Public Works:

City Administrator Chris Mathis reported the bathrooms at Schmuck Park Football Field have been repaired after pipe ruptured over the winter.

Mathis and Public Works Director Matt Hammer have been working on TIB Grant paperwork.

Administration:

Mathis reported she is wrapping up the audit.

Fire:

No report.

COMMITTEE/BOARD/COMISSION REPORTS:

Park Board:

Golden reported from the park board meeting held before council. The city is ready to move forward with the renovation of the pool. This will include construction of an ADA family restroom, update bath house and put a pool liner in. There is \$1 million from Washington State and \$350,000 from an RCO Grant. This will make the project \$755,000 short. The city will look into options on how to make up the difference ie: borrow money from the water department, apply for .09 funds and fundraising. The good news in all of this is the liner has a 20 year guarantee, the pool will be ADA accessible and this will eliminate the huge water loss issue. The bad news is the pool will likely be closed for the season as installing the pool liner will need to be done in good weather. If done in the fall or winter it would add \$1 million to the project as a cover would need to be built to protect from the elements. We have the money from the state and the RCO grant with timelines, the money has to be used or we lose it.

Golden stated the park board is good with the city proceeding.

Also discussed was the need for repairs at the Skate Park.

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OTHER BUSINESS:

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

MAYORS REPORT:

Mayor Retzer stated there will be a lot of work to be done to help fund the pool. It will take a group effort.

Retzer also commented that the audit will be wrapped up soon, the city and the council will receive the audit report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Retzer adjourned the meeting at 7:19 p.m.


Jim Retzer, Mayor


Lynda Kramlich, City Clerk