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CALL TO ORDER:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was entered by Guenthner, seconded by McRae to approve the minutes from the March 18, 2024 Council meeting. Roll Call: All Yes.

GOOD OF THE CITY:

Zachary Cooper from Colfax High School was named WIAA Athlete of the Week.

Karly Wigen was named Colfax Distinguished Young Woman.

BILLS AND CLAIMS:

No bills and claims.

CLAIMS	PAYROLL
& EFT	& EFT
\$	\$

GRAND TOTAL: \$

CITIZENS REQUEST:

PUBLIC HEARING:

PRESENTATION/WORK STUDY:

CDA Presentation:

Allie Cofer and Whitney Bond updated the council on their progress on the CDA Restaurant Incubator project. The first go around the bids came back to high so they went back to the drawing board to scale a few things back. The new plans will only have 1 kitchen with the plumbing available to add another in the future. The property highlights: fully renovated 3,521 sq. ft. property, full-service bar station, attached parking lot and drive thru, shared indoor and outdoor seating, owner furnished kitchen equipment, a shared commercial kitchen spacious enough for two tenants, the tenants will split utility costs 50/50 and a private event room and

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more. They have 2 applicants so far and are hoping for a breakfast/ lunch and a dinner/ bar set up. Mangum Construction will be doing the work and the project should be completed by mid-June.

Bond stated they are accepting applications through Friday April 5th then will review the applicants, hold interviews to go over their business and financial plans then make a decision.

Bond also reported the Department of Commerce has given them an additional \$70,000 and extended contract out until next year.

Mayor Retzer commended Bond and Cofer on the fantastic job they have done for Colfax.

Bond also reported Master Gardener Sandy Robinson will be in charge of the flower project downtown again this year. The CDA added four more flower pots. Robinson placed the plant order earlier this year and will get the shipment before Mother's Day. Last year they missed out ordering early and had to take the leftovers as the supply was well picked over.

Hope Haven:

Teasha Trombetta, 420 W Fairview, has lived in Colfax for 17 years. Trombetta will be opening Hope Haven where Paul's Place used to be. This will be under new management and have a fresh new start. Currently Trombetta has a group of volunteers that are helping clean out the building and preparing for the start of Hope Haven. They are working with the State and the Fire Marshall to get the appropriate permitting process and necessary updates completed. The volunteers are busy cleaning and painting. This facility will hold 50 residents and be for patients that are not quite ready for skilled nursing. Trombetta plans on bringing back the kind of care Colfax used to know as Paul's Place when the McDonald's owned it. They will have three nurses on staff and currently have a waiting list for patients. Trombetta went on to say she wants to start out with a good relationship with the community and wanted to inform the city as to their plans for reopening.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Retzer reported they are moving forward with the hiring process of a new officer.

COMMITTEE/BOARD/COMISSION REPORTS:

OTHER BUSINESS:

McRae was notified of local kids causing trouble in the parks.

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CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

MAYORS REPORT:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Retzer adjourned the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

n Retzer, Mayor Lynda Kramlich, City Clerk