

COLFAX CITY COUNCIL

April 18, 2022

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

Golden, McRae, Schaefer, Guenther, Kackman and Huntwork: Present. Mackleit: Absent
A motion was entered by Golden, seconded by Schaefer 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 March 21, 2022 Council meeting. Roll Call: All Yes.

GOOD OF THE CITY:

April 21st at 6 p.m. at the Colfax High School Auditorium there will be a Parent Safety in Technology, presented by Whitman County Library.

Saturday April 30th the DEA National RX Takeback will take place at the Whitman County Sheriff's Office, residents can turn in unneeded medications at a safe disposal site.

BILLS AND CLAIMS:

A motion was entered by Guenther, seconded by McRae to approve all bills and claims as presented, April 4-18, 2022. Roll Call: All Yes.

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CLAIMS	PAYROLL
7431-7432, 7439-7458	7433-7438, 7459-7463 & EFT
\$15,277.47	\$80,578.14

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CLAIMS	PAYROLL
7470-7471, 7494-7519 & EFT	7464-7469, 7520-7521 & EFT
\$43,443.45	\$65,811.73

GRAND TOTAL: \$205,110.79

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 22-09 Lodging Tax Application- Colfax Downtown Association:

Colfax Downtown Association Executive Director Whitney Bond presented the application for the City of Colfax Lodging Tax Funds. They are requesting \$25,000 and will use the funds for

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Downtown Beautification (flower pots, plants and care for the plants through the season), 150th Birthday Celebration, Trick or Treat Main Street and Winterfest.

\$15,000 will be used for the potted plants project and the remaining \$10,000 will be for the planned events.

A motion was entered by Kackman, seconded by Guenther to approve Resolution 22-09 Lodging Tax Application for the Colfax Downtown Association. Roll Call: All Yes.

Resolution 22-10 RCO Grant- Youth Athletic Facility- City Pool:

This resolution authorizes the city to apply for a Youth Athletic Facility, RCO Grant for the City of Colfax Pool to upgrade the pool. This grant application is for \$350,000 and is due May 3rd.

A motion was entered by Kackman, seconded by McRae to approve Resolution 22-10 Youth Athletic Facility RCO Grant Application. Roll Call: All Yes.

Resolution 22-11 RCO Grant- Land and Water Conservation Fund-City Pool:

This resolution authorizes the city to apply for a Land and Water Conservation Fund, RCO Grant for the City of Colfax to upgrade the pool. This grant application is for \$1.5 million and is also due May 3rd.

A motion was entered by Guenther, seconded by Schaefer to approve Resolution 22-11 Land and Water Conservation Fund RCO Grant Application. Roll Call: All Yes.

State Representative Joe Schmick and Kackman discussed cities keeping up with the limited increases in property taxes vs. the inflation rates.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Police:

Police Chief Bruce Blood reported the guys are doing good as well as the cars.

Public Works:

Public Works Director Matt Hammer reported he only received one bid on the Clay Street well project, it was for \$490,000 and he was expecting around the \$340,000 range. Hammer stated they put it out for bid again and will open those April 20th.

Del Downs from Public Works retired the end of March and the city has hired Brett Keller as his replacement.

Hammer reported the crews are busy installing the new water meters and keeping up with all the spring work needing done.

Fire:

Fire Chief Michael Chapman reported Utility One is back in service and looks great.

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The fire department also received a DNR Safety Grant and was able to purchase shelters and safety gear.

Administration:

City Administrator Chris Mathis reported she will be working on six different reports that are due in the next few weeks.

COMMITTEE/BOARD/COMISSION REPORTS:

Park Board:

Golden reported the Park Board met tonight. They discussed the 2 grants the council just approved. Golden stated Steve Larkin is working with the Friends of the Parks on getting the disc golf course set up. This project needs to be completed by the end of May to satisfy the grant. They are hoping to have a disc golf tournament for the 150 Celebration. The Park Board also discussed improving the trail from Hauser down to Park Street.

MAYORS REPORT:

Mayor Retzer notified every one of the Snake River Family Festival, June 18th. There will be free food, live music and a day of family fun.


Retzer appreciates the city staff that is working on these grants to better our community for our citizens.

Schmick suggested the city look at the Empire Health Foundation for a funding source; there are a lot of buckets of money available. Schmick also recommended looking into CERB Grant for help with the well project. Schmick went on to say he likes to see all the things going on in Colfax. Schmick distributed business cards to all of the council members.

ADJOURNMENT:

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


Jim Retzer, Mayor


Lynda Kramlich, City Clerk