

COLFAX CITY COUNCIL

June 20, 2023

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

Golden, McRae, Schaefer, Mackleit, Guentner and Kackman: Present. Huntwork: Absent. A motion was entered by Golden, seconded by Schaefer 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 June 5, 2023 Council meeting. Roll Call: All Yes.

GOOD OF THE CITY:

Fairview's rough patches have been repaired.

Electronic speed sign has been installed at the top of Fairview.

Washington Distinguished Young Woman Olivia Ng is in Mobile Alabama this week competing in the National Distinguished Young Women.

Eells Park fountain is running, there were a few small surface cracks which will be sealed with a UV protectant this fall.

BILLS AND CLAIMS:

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

CLAIMS

#8786-8808

\$53,634.87

PAYROLL

#8780-8785 & EFT

\$48,937.72

GRAND TOTAL: \$102,572.59

CITIZENS REQUEST:

PUBLIC HEARING:

PRESENTATION/WORK STUDY:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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NEW BUSINESS:

Lodging Tax Application: Colfax Swim Team: Resolution 23-07

City Administrator Chris Mathis introduced Resolution 23-07 application from the Colfax Swim Team for lodging tax funds in the amount of \$3,000. The funds will help with the Tri County costs and the pool rental fees for the season.

A motion was entered by McRae, seconded by Kackman to approve Resolution 23-07 Colfax Swim Team Lodging Tax Application. Roll Call: All Yes.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Police:

Police Chief Bruce Blood reported the fire department is training with Lifeflight tonight.

Blood stated there has been an uptick in cases in the last couple of months.

New Officer Erica Warren is quickly progressing in her FTO Training. She is currently brushing up on Washington Laws vs. Idaho. Blood went on to say her previous supervisor position has helped with her quick progression.

Officer Tate has been working on a big case for a couple of years and its coming to fruition. The prosecutors are going for charges, there could be overtime as the case goes to trial.

In 6 weeks the department will be up to full staff as Officer McCollum will be back from Guam.

Administration:

City Administrator Chris Mathis informed the council the Public Works Trust Fund has opened up applications are due July 7th. The first one that was talked about in the water system plan is a 6 million loan, with a loan rate 1.72% for a 20 to 30 year loan. Public Works Director Matt Hammer and Mathis will work with a consultant to help put together a loan/grant package. This will cost \$3,800 to \$3,900, Mathis wants to confirm with the council they are ok with proceeding with this process. Mathis confirmed they will apply for grants as well.

Kackman stated the Public Works Trust Fund is an excellent way of funding a project. The key is to find a project you really need to fund. Staff needs to make sure grant writer goes after grants that are achievable.

Mathis stated the last few loans the city has will be paid off this year.

Kackman has a lot of confidence in the Public Works Trust Fund and the process and what that can do for us to leverage our revenues to go further.

Mathis stated this consultant works with Mountain Water Works a lot.

Golden is in support of going for the loan, that entire list of projects is predicated on loans, grants and raising fees.

It would be ideal to get the same general payment for this loan that we are used to paying.

Mathis stated we have been paying roughly \$75,000 a year in previous loans.

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In the next 2 years they are looking at giving out \$221,000,000 available for construction loans, \$7,000,000 for pre-construction loans and \$7,000,000 for emergency loans.

The consensus of the council is to go ahead with the consultant.

COMMITTEE/BOARD/COMISSION REPORTS:

OTHER BUSINESS:

- MPD Meeting: No Business

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

MAYORS REPORT:

Retzer reported he was out of town at training last week.

Retzer spoke at Kiwanis today. The Kiwanis are adding more members and plan on organizing Stuff the Bus. The Kiwanis do a lot of good things for our youth in the community.

Summerfest will be July 22 with a parade, sales at downtown business and Cork N Caps at Schmuck Park.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Retzer adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m.



Jim Retzer, Mayor



Lynda Kramlich, City Clerk