

COLFAX CITY COUNCIL

August 7, 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, Kackman and Huntwork: Present. Guenther: Absent. A motion was entered by Schaefer, seconded by McRae to excuse Guenther. Roll Call: All Yes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was entered by Kackman, seconded by Schaefer to approve the minutes from the July 17, 2023 Council meeting. Roll Call: Schaefer, Mackleit, Kackman, Huntwork, and McRae: Yes. Golden: Abstained.

GOOD OF THE CITY:

The County Swim Meet was held Saturday the 5th, Pullman placed 1st, St John placed 2nd and Colfax placed 3rd.

PIFCU sold hot dogs at the County Meet as a fundraiser for the pool renovation and brought in \$605.00.

Another pool fundraiser will be August 18th from 5-8 p.m. There will be a raffle, fun and games and free pool night. The CDA Facebook has all the details.

Mayor Retzer and Lisa Retzer handed out flyers promoting the fundraising efforts to all the local businesses.

Retzer has agreed to dye his hair blue if \$10,000 is raised at the August 18th event for the pool renovations.

Summerfest was a bit smaller this year as the transition with a new director for the chamber took over shortly before the event. The parade downtown was short and sweet. Corks n Caps had a good turn out and they are already working towards next year's event.

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

#8867, 8901-8920, 8921 VOID
8922-8930

\$135,775.14

PAYROLL

#8868 VOID, 8869-8900 &
EFT

\$102,268.06

GRAND TOTAL: \$238,043.20

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CITIZENS REQUEST:

PUBLIC HEARING:

PRESENTATION/WORK STUDY:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance 23-04 - Budget Amendment:

Mathis informed the council this amendment is due to the new payscale passed last council and some Public Works projects: streets: TIB Grant, water: Morton Street for water service replacement and sewer: Morton Street sewer lateral and finalize I&I study.

Council asked if the new payscale is sustainable.

Mathis stated we are going from a performance based back to a scale with step increases and will bring back longevity. All the supervisors are doing a great job with evaluations and steps will not be a guarantee you will still need a good evaluation.

Kackman stated there is not better investment than into good staff, this is a good move, the right move.

Retzer interjected this took a lot of thought to get it right.

A motion was entered by Kackman, seconded by Huntwork to approve Ordinance 23-04 Budget Amendment. Roll Call: All Yes.

Greenway Discussion:

Mathis updated the council on the Greenway progress and asked the direction the council would like to see the city follow to get this plan accomplished.

Golden stated the citizen committee for the Greenway Project was formed about 15 months ago to help facilitate the city's goal of establishing the Lake Street Greenway. The group would like to pursue a feasibility study with the city's approval. The city would need to agree for the group to apply for a grant to pay for the study.

Discussion ensued without a clear decision. This will be brought back to council at a later date.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Public Works:

Public Works Director Matt Hammer reported they have been busy with water leaks. The crew also helped the county with crack sealing on Thorn, Cooper, A Street and Mill Street.

COMMITTEE/BOARD/COMISSION REPORTS:

Public Safety Committee met this evening regarding Highway 272 grade and the accidents going into the flood control. Mayor Retzer has been in contact with WSDOT. The Public Safety Committee will write a letter in November and keep the subject matter present.

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OTHER BUSINESS:

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

MAYORS REPORT:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Retzer adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.


Jim Retzer, Mayor


Lynda Kramlich, City Clerk