

COLFAX CITY COUNCIL
September 19, 2022

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 Huntwork: Present. Kackman: Absent. A motion was entered by Guentner seconded by Golden to excuse Kackman. Roll Call: All Yes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was entered by Golden, seconded by Schaefer to approve the minutes from the September 19, 2022 Council meeting. Roll Call: All Yes.

GOOD OF THE CITY:

WSU Cougars won this past weekend and play Oregon this coming weekend. The WSU flags are up on Main Street.

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	PAYROLL
7968, 7993-8030 & EFT	7969-7992 & EFT
\$109,676.22	\$60,354.46

GRAND TOTAL: \$170,030.68

CITIZENS REQUEST:

PUBLIC HEARING:

PRESENTATION/WORK STUDY:

Allie Cofer Colfax Downtown Association Assistant Executive Director presented the Eells Park Event Space Project- The CDA is applying for a \$50,000 T-Mobil Grant to build a permanent stage structure with attached equipment storage room, purchasing a concession stand, string lights, security cameras, sound/stage equipment, and adding necessary electrical and water. Cofer went on to say Eells Park is in close walking distance of downtown which will create enthusiasm for participating downtown business owners because they will see a return on their investment. The CDA intends to hold concerts and movie series as just a couple of ideas for the event space project. This will be a 20x20 structure; the stage will be 20x16 with storage in the back.

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City Administrator Chris Mathis stated Cofer presented this to the Park Board tonight and they are all in favor of the project. Al Vorderbrueggen is going to write them a letter of support for the grant.

Guenthner suggested polling the neighbors to see what their thoughts would be for an event stage to be placed at Eells Park. Cofer stated they will be abiding by all noise ordinances and to start only plan on a couple of events for the later evening hours.

The consensus of the council was to have them go ahead with the application process.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Arbor Day Proclamation:

Mayor Retzer introduced the Arbor Day Proclamation. Parks Department Steve Larkin will be planting 2 trees at Schmuck Park with Jennings Elementary 2nd graders on September 22, 2022.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Administration:

Mathis reported that we did not get the funding for the LWCF Pool Grant we applied for, we were ranked 18th and the top 12 are funded. We still are in the running for the YAF Grant for \$350,000.

Retzer stated he has other opportunities he is working on to renovate the pool. We will apply for this grant again as it is on a 2 year rotation. Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of funding this project through a levy. Mathis is reluctant to go that route at this point as the city already has the MPD. Retzer does not want to put it on the citizens with inflation how it is and the economy that would be a last resort.

Golden thanked everyone for their hard work on these grants.

Police:

Police Chief Bruce Blood reported they will have extra staff for the upcoming WSU Football games to help slow down traffic, for the downtown Trick or Treat October 28th as well as Halloween night.

October 29th is a drug take back event in the Rosauer's parking lot an officer is required to be on site during the event.

Fire:

Mathis reported the Fire Department will be back up to full staff the first part of October.

COMMITTEE/BOARD/COMISSION REPORTS:

OTHER BUSINESS:

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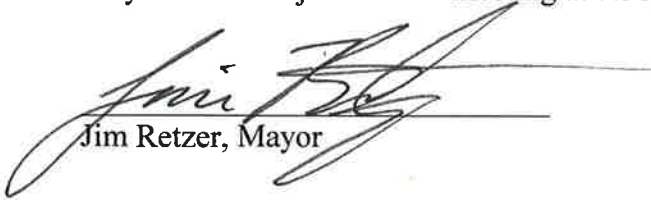
CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

MAYORS REPORT:

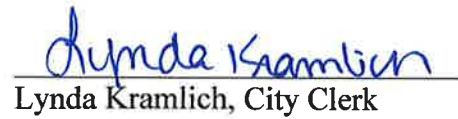
EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Retzer adjourned the meeting at 7:31p.m.



Jim Retzer, Mayor



Lynda Kramlich, City Clerk