

COLFAX CITY COUNCIL
December 2, 2024

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

Golden, McRae, Schaefer, Mackleit, Guenther, Sevedge and Huntwork: Present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was entered by Golden, seconded by Schaefer to approve the minutes from the November 18, 2024 Council meeting. Roll Call: McRae, Schaefer, Mackleit, Guenther, Sevedge and Golden. Huntwork: Abstained.

GOOD OF THE CITY:

Winterfest is scheduled for Saturday December 7th with a Fun Run to start the day with a full day of activities.

P1FCU hosted the November Mixer for the Colfax Chamber. McRae reported the event wasn't as well attended as she had hoped, Serfes Foods provided the food, which was really good. Rachel Shad is the new Chamber Executive Director. McRae had a crew put 35 strands of Christmas lights on the tree outside of P1FCU.

The High School Play was awesome, Retzer said Chris's grandkids did a wonderful job.

Fonk's opened and has been packed every day.

Businesses have felt the lack of shopping this last year, but the last few weeks business has really picked back up.

Wild Ember has been busy since their opening in August.

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	PAYROLL
10311-10324 & EFT	10297-10310 & EFT
\$21,913.69	\$86,055.07

GRAND TOTAL: \$107,968.76

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CITIZENS REQUEST:

PUBLIC HEARING:

PRESENTATION/WORK STUDY:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Police:

Interim Police Chief Perry Tate reported it has been business as usual.

Public Works:

Public Works is busy putting up the Christmas lights this week.

Hammer also reported grading work is underway on the city gravel roads.

Fire:

The Fire Department Christmas party is scheduled for Sunday December 8th at 6:00 p.m. at the Colfax Community Church.

Administration:

City Hall will be decorating for Christmas.

Staff is also working updating the fee schedule and final preparations for the next council meeting.

COMMITTEE/BOARD/COMISSION REPORTS:

OTHER BUSINESS:

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

MAYORS REPORT:

Retzer stated someone from the Office of Cultural and Engagement from the Washington State Patrol, which is a new position, will have a booth at Winterfest.

Retzer will be turning on the lights at the Codger Park for the Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday.

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Retzer spoke about wages for the Police Guild Negotiations that are underway. Retzer stated the city is set to send a proposal for the negotiations. Retzer stated after the proposed pay increase there will be a 28% gap between the city officers vs. county deputies.

Discussion ensued regarding closing that gap, incentives for officers to apply and also ways to retain officers.


Retzer was contacted by Gary Young concerning the skate park. Young has four different groups in town that are willing to donate to refurbish the skate park.

Park Board member Hillary Hoffman suggested if the groups can come up with the money the Park Board should meet to discuss, the Hoffman's received an estimate earlier this year for \$37,000 to restore the existing ramps.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Retzer adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.


Jim Retzer, Mayor


Lynda Kramlich, City Clerk