

COLFAX CITY COUNCIL
December 5, 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, Guenther, Kackman and Huntwork: Present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was entered by Guenther, seconded by Schaefer to approve the minutes from the November 21, 2022 Council meeting. Roll Call: All Yes.

GOOD OF THE CITY:

Winterfest and the Parade was a huge success.

BILLS AND CLAIMS:

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

CLAIMS

#8218-8219, 8226-8244

\$213,203.65

PAYROLL

#8213-8217, 8220-8225 & EFT

\$82,820.33

GRAND TOTAL: \$296,023.98

CITIZENS REQUEST:

PUBLIC HEARING:

Public Hearing: 2023 Budget and Fee Schedule- Ordinance 22-05

Mayor Retzer opened the public hearing at 7:05 p.m.

City Administrator Chris Mathis stated the budget is what we went over in the budget meetings, nothing has changed. The budget has been published with no public comments.

Retzer asked for public comment for the 2023 Budget and Fee Schedule. There were none.

Retzer asked for public comment against the 2023 Budget and Fee Schedule. There were none.

Retzer asked for additional comments. There were none.

With no additional comments Retzer closed the public hearing at 7:06 p.m

A motion was entered by Mackleit, seconded by McRae to approve Ordinance 22-05 2023 Budget and Fee Schedule. Roll Call: All Yes.

PRESENTATION/WORK STUDY:

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WSDOT Presentation:

WSDOT distributed information for the US-195 Colfax North Fork Bridge Replacement Project. Larry Larson stated he was here 4 or 5 years ago discussing the replacement of the 2 bridges at the north end of town. At that time they were applying for a grant to fund the project but they didn't receive the grants so the project dropped at that time. Larsen went on to say state funding is now available for this project with a Complete Streets requirement for pedestrian safety. They will be replacing two bridges with one. Currently they have three alternatives: tee intersection on SR-26, tee intersection on US-195 or a roundabout on SR-26. They are holding a public meeting for input on this project at the Center Thursday December 8th from 4 – 7 p.m.

CDA Presentation:

CDA President Whitney Bond did follow up questions on the B&O Utility Tax Incentive Program that was presented by Mathis last meeting. Bond stated 6 businesses already participate in this program. The money will be used to complete beautification downtown and pay for staffing. This is a great opportunity for the tax dollars to stay right in our own community. Bond stated she can report back to the council as how they will put the money to use as they already report to the Main Street Program annually.

The consensus of the council is to go ahead and participate and give it a try, this can be revisited again to confirm it is working out.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Public Work:

Public Works Director Matt Hammer reported it has been business as usual fixing water leaks and snow removal.

Hammer received the TIB Grant for Morton and Sumner Streets for \$1,286,252, the cities portion will be \$68,000.

Police:

Police Chief Bruce Blood thanked Public Works and the Fire for their help in the Christmas Parade.

Tyler Paris's last day will be December 31st. Blood reported the city has posted for a lateral and an entry level officer with the closing date of January 6th. Officer McCollum is interviewing for a position with Liberty Lake, if he leaves Blood will push really hard to fill both positions.

Deputy Jim Pelissier is finalizing an active shooter scenario at the high school set for December 29th, local departments are invited to participate.

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Fire:

Fire Chief Michael Chapman reported it's been quiet and reiterated the appreciation for the cooperative help for the parade.

Administration:

City Administrator Chis Mathis reported it has been business as usual and busy as Deputy Clerk Amanda Link is out on maternity leave.

COMMITTEE/BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

OTHER BUSINESS:

MPD:

Retzer adjourned the council meeting at 7:50 p.m. to enter into the Metropolitan Park District.

Retzer reconvened the council meeting at 7:54 p.m.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

MAYORS REPORT:

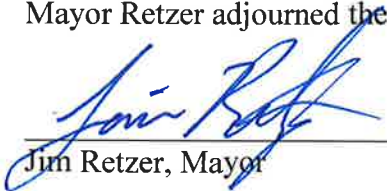
Retzer encouraged everyone to get out and attend the WSDOT meeting at the Center and give input and feedback on the bridge project.

Discussion ensued regarding the pros and cons of each of the proposed options for the bridge replacement.


EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Retzer adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m.



Jim Retzer, Mayor



Lynda Kramlich, City Clerk