

KETTLE FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 17, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Ray Smith, Les Callas, Dorothy Slagle, Jesse Garrett, Krist Matthews and Debbie Gaskin.

STAFF/GUESTS

Staff - Dave Keeley, Joel Gassaway, Scott Sterland, John Ridlington and Raena Hallam.

Guests - Bev Edwards, Richard Leshner, Tom Haggerty Sr., Tom Haggerty Jr., Fred Simmons, John Bergford and Jon Galow.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MAIL RECEIVED

As there were no Announcements or Mail Received, City Council moved on to Public Comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

As there was no Public Comment, Council moved on to the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF THE MAY 3, 2011 CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Council Member Ray Smith moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member Les Callas seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member Ray Smith - yes, Council Member Les Callas - yes, Council Member Jesse Garrett - yes, Council Member Krist Matthews - yes and Council Member Debbie Gaskin - yes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING COMMISSION

Council Member Ray Smith reported he had attended the Planning Commission meeting. Ray stated the discussion included keeping chickens and rabbits in the City. Ray stated it was a very good discussion and at first he was in favor of allowing chickens and rabbits. However, some good points were brought up against allowing them also. Ray stated the Planning Commission is going to discuss further during their next meeting.

POLICE/FIRE COMMITTEE

Council Member Jesse Garrett reported the Fire Department has been busy with training and meeting with the Ratings Bureau.

STAFF REPORTS

CLERK/TREASURER - ANNUAL REPORT

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam stated she will be meeting with the Finance Committee to review the 2010 Annual Report before submitting it to the State Auditor's Office.

PLANNING COMMISSION

City Planner Dave Keeley stated the Planning Commission is working through the Comprehensive Land Use Amendment. It is ready for a SEPA review which will take 60 days to allow review by all the state agencies. After the 60 day review process a public hearing will be scheduled for City Council.

PUBLIC WORKS

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway stated Crewmember Jason Knisley has passed the exam to upgrade his water certification to Water Distribution Manager 2.

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway stated they are installing the new boiler at the swimming pool. The old boiler has been removed and things are going along well.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief John Ridlington reported he worked with the Ratings Bureau for two days. John stated the bureau is very, very thorough and check equipment, paperwork and anything to do with the fire department. John stated the age of vehicles and hoses even if they are in top working order still affect the Ratings Bureau score.

Fire Chief John Ridlington stated it will be 6 to 8 weeks for the Ratings Bureau to complete their paperwork.

NEW BUSINESS

COPS GRANT APPLICATION

Police Chief Scott Sterland requested permission from City Council to submit an application for a COPS grant that would pay for a 5th Police Officer for three years. The City would be financially responsible for the position for the 4th year.

Police Chief Scott Sterland reviewed with City Council reasons he feels the 5th Police Officer position would be beneficial.

1. Restore the department back to 5 full time Police Officers.
2. Safety of Officers - the additional position would reduce the amount of calls that an officer responds to by themselves.
3. Four days of the week, the City of Kettle Falls would have 24 hour coverage.
4. The department would have better coverage for sick and vacation time.
5. The position would allow the Police Department to be more engaged in schools.

Council Member Krist Matthews moved to submit an application for a COPS Grant. Council Member Debbie Gaskin seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member Ray Smith - yes, Council Member Les Callas - yes, Council Member Jesse Garrett - yes, Council Member Krist Matthews - yes and Council Member Debbie Gaskin - yes.

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

City Planner Dave Keeley stated Rainbow Play Equipment has a used Monster Castle for \$7,000. This price includes tax, delivery and set up. The Monster Castle would be placed at Happy Dell Park.

Council Member Jesse Garrett moved to authorize procurement of Monster Castle 17C from Rainbow Play Equipment. Council Member Les Callas seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member Ray Smith - yes, Council Member Les Callas - yes, Council Member Jesse Garrett - yes, Council Member Krist Matthews - yes and Council Member Debbie Gaskin - yes.

OLD BUSINESS

AVISTA MEETING UPDATE

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway stated he is trying to set up a meeting either May 24th or after Town & Country Days to meet with Avista. After discussion it was determined to have a Council Committee Meeting after the next City Council meeting on June 7th and schedule a meeting with Avista later.

WATER RIGHTS UPDATE

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway stated the application submitted to the Conservancy Board has been approved. There is a 30 day appeal period which will end June 6, 2011. Once the appeal period is finished Avista will be given approval to move forward.

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway stated the City applied for water rights in ~~1988~~ 1998*. The application was processed this month and they did a field evaluation last week. The City had requested 1900 gallons instantaneous which doesn't increase our total acre feet per year. Joel stated he doesn't anticipate any issues and it appears the City will be allowed 1900 gallons instantaneous.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY - POSSIBLE CONSTRUCTION BID AWARD

Council Member Ray Smith moved to award the construction bid to IMCO for the Wastewater Facility Plant. Council Member Jesse Garrett seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Tom Haggerty Sr. stated he has reviewed all of the bids and it is his determination that IMCO Construction is the lowest bidder and he recommends City Council award the contract to IMCO.

Tom Haggerty Sr. of E&H Engineering stated IMCO has not directly worked with E&H Engineering, but have completed several wastewater projects. Examples are Airway Heights and Cheney. Tom Haggerty Sr. stated he feels they have the knowledge and resources to complete the project.

***Correction made during 6/21/11 City Council Meeting*

Council Member Krist Matthews asked when the project would start and would it be completed. Tom Haggerty Jr. responded that if the project was awarded this evening, construction would probably begin in about one month. The completion date would then be November, 2013. It depends a little on the contractors schedule and there is an 11 month inspection period. There is a 1 year warranty after the final payment.

Mayor Slagle thanked Jon Galow for all of his hard work and support.

Council Member Krist Matthews asked if the local labor force would be utilized for this project. Fred Simmons of IMCO stated it is always IMCO's intent to utilize local resources. Wherever there is a need it is in IMCO's best interest to hire local craft.

Mayor Slagle called the question: Motion carried by all. Council Member Ray Smith - yes, Council Member Les Callas - yes, Council Member Jesse Garrett - yes, Council Member Krist Matthews - yes and Council Member Debbie Gaskin - yes.

Tom Haggerty Jr. of E&H Engineering asked City Council if they intended to include both alternates in their motion. After discussion, Council Member Ray Smith moved to clarify the original motion awarding the project to IMCO included Alternates 1 and 2. Council Member Jesse Garret seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member Ray Smith - yes, Council Member Les Callas - yes, Council Member Jesse Garrett - yes, Council Member Krist Matthews - yes and Council Member Debbie Gaskin - yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

WASTEWATER RATES

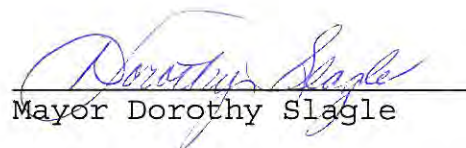
Bev Edwards stated she knows discussion regarding the Wastewater Plant has taken place for many years. Bev felt the large increase in the rates that will be required would be easier on the citizens if it was done in two increments during the summer instead of at the end of the year during the holidays. She suggested a \$12 increase in June, 2011 an increase of \$12 one year later.

Richard Lesher inquired why the newspaper listed the water rates in the article about the wastewater plant. Mayor Slagle explained the newspaper had made an error and would be printing a correction this week. Mr. Lesher stated his bill would go from \$83 dollars to \$107.

ADJOURNMENT

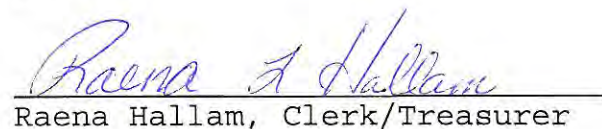
Mayor Dorothy Slagle adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Approved:



Mayor Dorothy Slagle

Attest:



Raena Hallam, Clerk/Treasurer