

KETTLE FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 18, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Dorothy Slagle, Ray Smith, Jesse Garrett and Debbie Gaskin.

STAFF/GUESTS

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

Guests - Jason Keefe.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MAIL RECEIVED

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

PUBLIC HEARING - ADVALOREM AND 2012 PROPERTY TAXES

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam stated there is nothing unusual regarding the 1% property tax increase for 2012 and Ad Valorem Taxes. Raena further stated she did not have the final numbers from the Stevens County Assessor but expected them in the very near future.

Mayor Slagle opened the Public Hearing for public comment at 7:04 p.m. As there was no public comment Mayor Slagle closed the Public Hearing for public comment at 7:05 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 6th, SEPTEMBER 13th AND OCTOBER 4, 2011 CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

As there were no Committee Reports, City Council moved on to Staff Reports.

STAFF REPORTS

AVISTA UPDATE

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway reported the final draft agreement is being reviewed and the Utilities Committee should make recommendation to the City Council in the near future.

EVERGREEN DRIVE - HILL

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway reported Knife River should be paving Evergreen Dr. from Juniper to a half block past Kalmia next week. The cost will be about \$22,000.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief John Ridlington stated all has been pretty quiet. The department had one call caused by a lady forgetting she had chicken on the kitchen stove.

Fire Chief John Ridlington also reported the ladder fire truck did not pass the pump test and needs a couple old valves replaced.

POLICE DEPARTMENT - GUN RANGE

Police Chief Scott Sterland reported the National Park Service is working on the Gun Range. The pistol range will be reoriented, access restricted and will have new signage. He expects it to be completed by the end of the week.

STEVENS COUNTY 3/10S OF A PENNY SALES TAX

Police Chief Scott Sterland explained to City Council if the proposed Stevens County 3/10's sales tax passes it would mean about \$75,000 - 80,000 in revenue to the City of Kettle Falls.

INTERNATIONAL SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Police Chief Scott Sterland announced he has been asked to participate in the International Special Olympics Torch Run in Canada this year. The event will be early November, 2011.

WASPIC MEETING

Police Chief Scott Sterland stated he will be attending the annual WASPIC meeting in Wenatchee this year the 3rd week of November, 2011.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NO. 1708 - AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY AD VALOREM TAXES

Council Member Debbie Gaskin moved to introduce Ordinance No. 1708 by title only. Council Member Jesse Garrett seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member Ray Smith - yes, Council Member Jesse Garrett - yes and Council Member Debbie Gaskin - yes.

Ordinance No. 1708 - An Ordinance fixing the amount to be raised by ad valorem taxes.

ORDINANCE NO. 1709 - AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES TO RAISE REVENUE NECESSARY TO DEFRAY EXPENSES AND EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF KETTLE FALLS, WASHINGTON FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2012

Council Member Ray Smith moved to introduce Ordinance No. 1709 by title only. Council Member Debbie Gaskin seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member Ray Smith - yes, Council Member Jesse Garrett - yes and Council Member Debbie Gaskin - yes.

Ordinance No. 1709 - An Ordinance levying taxes to raise revenue necessary to defray expenses and expenditures of the City of Kettle Falls, Washington for fiscal year ending December 31, 2012.

KETTLE FALLS PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

Council Member Jesse Garrett moved to confirm the appointment of Jesse Christopher to the Kettle Falls Planning Commission Position No. 3 effective immediately. Council Member Ray Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member Ray Smith - yes, Council Member Jesse Garrett - yes and Council Member Debbie Gaskin - yes.

ORDINANCE NO. 1707 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING A PORTION OF THE KETTLE FALLS MUNICIPAL CODE 13.04 WATER SYSTEMS

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway stated the draft ordinance has a 10 day maximum process and a \$10 application fee. Hotels and Motels must follow the same rules. It also establishes a \$35 Turn on Fee.

Council Member Jesse Garrett moved to declare an emergency and adopt Ordinance No. 1707. Council Member Ray Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member Ray Smith - yes, Council Member Jesse Garrett - yes and Council Member Debbie Gaskin - yes.

OLD BUSINESS

NUISANCE PROPERTIES

Police Chief Scott Sterland sought direction from City Council on how they wished to approach Nuisance properties. Scott explained that all of the properties he contacted regarding items in the right of way have complied.

After discussion the City Council directed City Superintendent Joel Gassaway to remove any items from the Railroad property next to the City Shop. City Council also asked the Police Chief and Mayor to focus their attention to educating the public about the Nuisance Ordinance this winter and the City will follow up with non compliant properties in the spring of 2012.

HIGHWAY 395 NORTH SIDE SIDEWALK PROJECT - CHANGE ORDER NO. 1

Mayor Slagle explained the area in front of Woodland Theatre and the Real Estate office has gravel between the buildings and the new sidewalk. Woodland Theatre has committed up to \$3,000 to have this area paved. The Real Estate Office has offered some money but has not committed a specific dollar amount yet. Mayor Slagle explained she wants to move forward with the project and will speak with the Real Estate office about fees later.

Council Member Debbie Gaskin moved to approve Change Order No. 1 of the Hwy 395 North Side Sidewalk Project. Council Member Ray Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member Ray Smith - yes, Council Member Jesse Garrett - yes and Council Member Debbie Gaskin - yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

ORDINANCE NO. 1707 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING A PORTION OF THE
KETTLE FALLS MUNICIPAL CODE 13.04 WATER SYSTEMS

Jason Keefe thanked the City Council for adopting Ordinance No. 1707. Mr. Keefe also asked if the City has ever researched charging for actual water used.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Dorothy Slagle adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

Approved:



Mayor Dorothy Slagle

Attest: 

Raena Hallam, Clerk/Treasurer

