

KETTLE FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 1, 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, Krist Matthews and Debbie Gaskin.

STAFF/GUESTS

Staff - Raena Hallam, Dave Keeley, Joel Gassaway, John Ridlington and Charlie Schuerman.

Guests - Richard Leshar.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MAIL RECEIVED

APPOINTMENT OF CITY ATTORNEY

Mayor Slagle introduced Charles Schuerman of McGrane & Schuerman Law Firm to the City Council. Mayor Slagle stated she would like to appoint Mr. Schuerman as the City Attorney effective immediately.

Council Member Jesse Garrett moved to confirm the Mayors appointment of Charles Schuerman to the position of City Attorney effective November 1, 2011. Council Member Ray Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member Ray Smith - yes, Council Member Jesse Garrett - yes, Council Member Krist Matthews - yes and Council Member Debbie Gaskin - yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

UTILITY RATE INCREASE

Richard Leshar, 315 E. 6TH, inquired about the new turn on fee of \$35.00. Mr. Leshar complained about the fee and asked how many more rate increases could be expected?

Mayor Slagle explained to Mr. Leshar a \$35.00 turn on fee is now being charged for any utility accounts that are requesting to be turned on for anything other than repairs. Mayor Slagle also explained that another sewer rate increase is expected in June, 2012 and she is hoping that increase will be less than \$8.

PUBLIC HEARING - 2012 BUDGET, 2011 BUDGET AMENDMENT AND 2012-2017 CAPITAL FACILITIES LIST

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam stated there are no changes in the status of the 2012 budget since the October 25, 2011 Budget Workshop. Raena also distributed a current copy of the 2012 - 2017 Capital Facilities List and asked City Council to review and contact her with any changes.

Mayor Slagle opened the Public Hearing at 7:11 p.m. for Public Comment. No Public Comment was received. Mayor Slagle closed the Public Hearing for Public comment at 7:12 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 18, 2011 AND OCTOBER 25, 2011 CITY COUNCIL MINUTES AND OCTOBER VOUCHERS & PAYROLL

Council Member Ray Smith 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, Council Member Krist Matthews - yes and Council Member Debbie Gaskin - yes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

STAFF REPORTS

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief John Ridlington stated he has been busy upgrading the Fire Department's radios to Narrow Band. He stated it has been a three year project that has cost lots of time and money.

BUILDING INSPECTIONS

City Planner Dave Keeley stated he attended a Building Inspector Training Course last week and passed the test. He is now capable of providing inspections in house for the City.

EVERGREEN DRIVE - HILL

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway stated the Evergreen Drive paving is done and it greatly improved the area.

POWER OUTAGE AT WELLS

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway stated there was a power outage at the wells that damaged some equipment. Joel stated the outage was caused by Bonneville Power Administration and he has been in contact with them seeking reimbursement for the damaged equipment.

NEW BUSINESS

As there was no New Business, City Council moved on to Old Business.

OLD BUSINESS

AVISTA UPDATE

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway stated the contracts are close to being final and are waiting for attorney review.

HWY 395 SIDEWALK PROJECT - NORTH SIDE

City Planner Dave Keeley stated the project is pretty much done. Dave stated E&H Engineering and himself will be doing a walk thru of the project tomorrow. Dave further stated that WSDOT came and looked at the project last week and were very impressed. He has also received positive feedback from the local businesses. Dave stated the contractors, Baumann Brothers, bent over backwards to accommodate everyone involved. Dave stated they were very nice to work with.

PUBLIC COMMENT

As there was no Public Comment, City Council moved on to Adjournment.

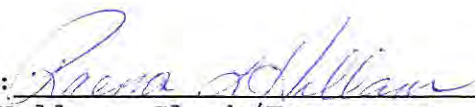
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Dorothy Slagle adjourned the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

Approved:



Mayor Dorothy Slagle

Attest: 

Raena Hallam, Clerk/Treasurer

