

KETTLE FALLS SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 27, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Dorothy Slagle called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

STAFF/GUESTS

Staff - Raena Hallam, Scott Sterland, John Ridlington and Charlie Schuerman.

Guests - No guests were present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MAIL RECEIVED

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

CONSENT AGENDA

As there was no Consent Agenda, City Council moved on to the Committee Reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

STAFF REPORTS

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

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Slagle moved Agenda Item #1 Ordinance No. 1710 from Old Business to discuss first.

ORDINANCE NO 1710 - AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE
BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF KETTLE FALLS FOR THE YEAR OF 2012

Mayor Slagle stated the draft budget/Ordinance No. 1710 is a balanced budget with the following cuts made to the Current Expense Fund:

- Mandatory furlough days for all non-union positions.
- Layoff one Police Officer
- Kettle Falls swimming pool will be closed this summer. All swimming pool staff positions have been eliminated.
- The Building Inspector position has been eliminated and the duties added to the City Planner.
- One Summer Helper position has been eliminated and one Summer Supervisor position has been cut back one month. -
- \$50,000 will be withdrawn from the City's savings accounts

City Council reviewed the proposed budget.

Police Chief Scott Sterland stated that he is concerned about adopting a budget without knowing what the legislature will do during their special session. Scott stated he would like to keep the Police Officer position for the first quarter.

Mr. Larry Kulesza confirmed with City Council that this proposed budget is not a last minute budget. City Council Members stated no, the budget process has been ongoing for the last 3 months and these cuts are not a surprise.

Mrs. Doll Linton stated Alaska, North Dakota and Montana are the only states that are not broke.

Mr. Wade Johnson expressed his support of the Kettle Falls Police Department and stated he is concerned about not having enough police coverage.

Mr. Larry Kulesza clarified with the Mayor if this was a temporary layoff or a long term layoff. Mayor Slagle explained that she hopes it is temporary but at this time she does not see anything changing before the end of the year and has encouraged Officer Hall to seek other employment if the opportunity arises. Mayor Slagle also stressed if something changes with the budget the position would be returned.

Council Member Jesse Garret moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1701. Council Member Ray Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried. Council Member Ray Smith - yes, Council Member Jesse Garrett - yes, Council Member Krist Matthews - no and Council Member Debbie Gaskin - yes.

Officer Jim Hall, Jr. expressed his appreciation to the Mayor and City Council for their support during his time working for the City. Jim stated he understood the decision and has no hard feelings. Jim also stated the City needs to do everything they can to keep the remaining police officer positions and he has the highest respect for his fellow officers.

ORDINANCE NO. 1701A - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO 1701.

Council Member Jesse Garrett moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1701A by title only. 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-06 - A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE WATER UTILITY BUSINESS AND OCCUPATION RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012.

Council Member Krist Matthews moved to adopt Resolution No. 11-06. 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-07 - A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION TO BE PAID TO THE CLERK/TREASURER.

Council Member Debbie Gaskin moved to adopt Resolution No. 11-07. Council member Jesse Garrett 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.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING CHANGE

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam requested City Council to reschedule the regular City Council meeting of January 3, 2012 to January 10, 2012. Raena explained this would allow staff to process most of the year end vouchers for approval.

OLD BUSINESS

As the Old Business was already addressed, City Council moved on to Public Comment.

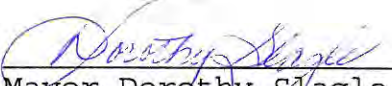
PUBLIC COMMENT

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Dorothy Slagle adjourned the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

Approved:



Mayor Dorothy Slagle

Attest: 

Raena Hallam, Clerk/Treasurer