KETTLE FALLS CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 10, 2012

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. Council Member Cris Haynes was sworn in after Roll Call.

STAFF/GUESTS

Staff - Raena Hallam, Scott Sterland, Joel Gassaway, Charlie Schuerman and Dave Keeley.

Guests - Laurie Stoddard, Lisa Rosen, Dick Price, Kelly Terry, Bob Haynes and Bill Banning.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MAIL RECEIVED

AFFIRMATION OF OFFICE, COUNCIL POSITION NO. 4

City Attorney Charlie Schuerman administered the affirmation of office to Cris Haynes for City Council Position No. 4. City Council welcomed Cris.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Ray Smith moved to approve City Council minutes for December 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th and the second half of December vouchers. Council Member Debbie Gaskin seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member Ray Smith - yes, Council Member Jesse Garrett - yes, Council Member Cris Haynes - yes and Council Member Debbie Gaskin - yes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING COMMISSION

Council Member Debbie Gaskin stated she and Council Member Ray Smith attended the Kettle Falls Planning Commission meeting. The meeting was mostly review, the election of new officers and Jessie Christopher was appointed to the Planning Commission.

STAFF REPORTS

VARNELL ANNEXATION

City Planner Dave Keeley reported Mr. Varnell has picked up an application for annexation but has not returned it yet. Dave stated he expects it anytime.

City Planner Dave Keeley stated he has started performing all of the building inspections as of January 1st. So far he has completed three inspections.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief Scott Sterland stated the police department has been pretty quiet this week. Council Member Ray Smith asked Scott about the Polar Plunge. Chief Sterland stated the Polar Plunge is February 10th and he will need to raise $2,500 before attending. So far he has raised $1,800.

AVISTA CONTRACTS

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway reported the Mayor signed both MOU's and the Agreement to Purchase with Avista. Joel stated he is now working with Avista to change the present water meter so it can be used to monitor their water usage.

CITY COUNCIL SALARY REDUCTION FORM

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam distributed a salary reduction form to City Council explaining that they can't raise or decrease their salary during their term. However, they can complete the form and turn it in to voluntarily reduce their salary on an individual basis.

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam stated this Friday, January 13, 2012 City Hall will be closed for their first furlough day.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NO 1711 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KETTLE FALLS ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE 20 YEAR COMPREHENSIVE GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLAN

Council Member Jesse Garrett moved to introduce Ordinance No. 1711 by title only. Council Member Ray Smith seconded the

motion. Motion carried. Council Member Debbie Gaskin seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member Ray Smith - yes, Council Member Jesse Garrett - yes, Council Member Cris Haynes - abstained and Council Member Debbie Gaskin - yes.

STEVENS COUNTY PUD - FIBER OPTIC CABLE

Dick Price and Kelly Terry were present to discuss with City Council the possibility of getting an easement for 20X20 feet behind the City Hall storage building along the alley. Mr. Terry explained an internet electrical box would be placed in the space for fiber optic cable that will be going through Kettle Falls to Tonasket, WA.

The internet line is the latest technology and is used in hospitals, schools and government agencies. The availability of this line to the area is a very valuable asset. Construction for the line will start this year and would be done in the Kettle Falls area in late summer, 2012.

City Attorney Charlie Schuerman stated he will review the easement proposal and have something more concrete for City Council to review at the next City Council meeting.

INDIGNET DEFENSE SERVICES

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam explained Attorney Gilstrap has offered to provide indigent defense services for the City of Kettle Falls at a flat rate which equals about half of the cost of last year indigent services. The flat rate fee is based on 50 cases prorated for eleven months of the year.

Council Member Debbie Gaskin moved to authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with Attorney Gilstrap to provide indigent defense services. Council Member Jesse Garrett seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member Ray Smith - yes, Council Member Jesse Garrett - yes, Council Member Cris Haynes - yes and Council Member Debbie Gaskin - yes.

PROPERTY EXCHANGE/OPTION TO PURCHASE - KF SCHOOL DISTRICT

City Attorney Charlie Schuerman explained he had reviewed and completed the property exchange and option to purchase paperwork

drafted by previous City Attorney Pat Monasmith. Charlie explained the two quit claim deeds exchanging the pool property for the ball field are ready for the Mayors signature. The option to purchase is also ready to sign. Charlie stated the only thing he added to the option to purchase was the right for the City to get their own appraiser if they are not satisfied with the first appraiser.

Council Member Jesse Garrett moved to authorize the Mayor to sign both Quit Claim Deeds and Option to Purchase Agreement with the Kettle Falls School District. Council Member Debbie Gaskin seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member Jesse Garrett seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member Ray Smith - yes, Council Member Jesse Garrett - yes, Council Member Cris Haynes - yes and Council Member Debbie Gaskin - yes.

OLD BUSINESS

WASTEWATER FACILITY UPDATE

City Planner Dave Keeley reported the project is coming along smoothly. It is about 1/3 completed and carpenters are working on the framing. The project is still on track to be completed in 2012.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Dorothy Slagle adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Approved:

Dorothy Slagle
Mayor Dorothy Slagle

Attest: Raena Hallam
Raena Hallam, Clerk/Treasurer