

KETTLE FALLS CITY COUNCIL  
MARCH 6, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Ray Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR PRO-TEM

Council Member Jesse Garrett moved to appoint Council Member Ray Smith as Mayor Pro-Tem. Council Member Cris Haynes seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Motion carried. Council Member Jesse Garrett - yes, Council Member Cris Haynes - yes and Council Member Debbie Gaskin - yes.

ROLL CALL

Ray Smith, Jesse Garrett, Cris Haynes and Debbie Gaskin. Mayor Dorothy Slagle was absent.

STAFF/GUESTS

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

Guests - Doll Linton and Les Callas.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MAIL RECEIVED

As there were no Announcement or 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

Council Member Debbie Gaskin moved to approve February vouchers and payroll. Council Member Jesse Garrett seconded the motion. Motion carried. Council Member Jesse Garrett - yes, Council Member Cris Haynes - yes and Council Member Debbie Gaskin - yes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

STAFF REPORT

POLICE DEPARTMENT - COPS GRANT

Police Chief Scott Sterland explained to City Council that the Federal COPS program has invited all jurisdictions that applied for funding last year to reapply this year. Scott explained the COPS grant will pay 75% of an officer's salary for three years and the fourth year would be 100% of the City's responsibility.

Police Chief Scott Sterland asked City Council for permission to resubmit an application for the COPS Grant. The application is due in about two weeks. Scott further explained that submitting the application does not commit the City to funding requirements.

After, discussion, City Council clarified with Chief Sterland that submitting the application does not commit the City in any way and the City can deny and withdraw the application at any time.

Council Member Jesse Garrett moved to authorize Police Chief Scott Sterland to apply for the COPS Grant with the understanding that the funding at this time is not available and may not be available if the grant is awarded. Council Member Cris seconded the motion. Motion carried. Council Member Jesse Garrett - yes, Council Member Cris Haynes - yes and Council Member Debbie Gaskin - yes.

WASTEWATER FACILITY TREATMENT PLANT

City Planner Dave Keeley reported construction would begin to pick up again at the WWTP on March 19, 2012. Dave stated the construction meeting scheduled for tomorrow has been cancelled.

GOLD LINE BUS PARKING

City Planner Dave Keeley stated a question has been raised about people riding the Gold Line Bus and leaving their car at Happy Dell Park while they are gone.

City Planner Dave Keeley stated there is no overnight parking allowed at Happy Dell Park, but bus patrons need a place to park.

After discussion, City Council encouraged City Planner Dave Keeley and Police Chief Scott Sterland to pursue a permit process and signage that may be appropriate to allow bus patron parking at Happy Dell Park. Once a process is determined, then the ordinance will need to be reviewed for updating.

#### **DOG PARK AT HAPPY DELL PARK**

City Planner Dave Keeley stated Larry Kulesza has contacted him regarding putting a dog park area at Happy Dell Park. The area of discussion is out beyond the baseball field in the treed area. This area is already fenced on three sides and Mr. Kulesza offered to contribute some of the chain link fencing.

Doll Linton stated that it just needs fenced on one side and a gate. The cost would be minimal. Signage and garbage can would also be needed.

Council Member Cris Haynes stated dogs are a problem at the Meyers Falls Cemetary. People just let their dogs run loose and don't clean up.

City Superintendent Joel stated he thinks a dog park is a good idea, but it adds more work, cleaning and trimming for the Public Works Department.

Fire Chief John Ridlington stated that area is a very pretty area and feels the City may have a better use for it in the future.

#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Fire Chief John Ridlington stated the Barrigan fire was started by heat lamps set up to keep the cats warm on the porch.

Fire Chief John Ridlington stated a DTT Chambers truck caught fire and the Kettle Falls Fire Department responded within 5 minutes. John commended his firefighters for an excellent job.

Fire Chief John Ridlington reported the fire department responded to a chimney fire on Arthur Court.

SAVE THE POOL COMMITTEE

Fire Chief John Ridlington reported the Save the Pool Committee is doing very well and have raised over \$10,000 in donations. John reminded City Council of the Fireman's spaghetti Feed on April 14, 2012 at the Kettle Falls High School. All proceeds will be donated to the Save the Pool Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

US 395 COLUMBIA RIVER CROSSING BRIDGE REHABILITATION PROJECT

City Council was presented with an email received from the WSDOT regarding construction work scheduled for the Hwy 395 Columbia Bridge Crossing.

Mr. Gassaway,

*I am an engineer with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) in Spokane. I obtained your contact information from your website. I wanted to let you know that we have a project coming up this year to rehabilitate the concrete deck on the existing US 395 bridge over the Columbia River near Kettle Falls. The primary reason I am contacting you is to give you an quick overview of the project, and answer any questions you might have with our traffic plan for this project. We are currently in the design phase of this project and will be putting this project out to advertisement in May with construction most likely starting in July.*

*The scope of our project is to replace the top 1.5"-2" of the concrete on the bridge deck, along with a significant amount of full depth deck repair, which includes some full deck panel replacements. During the hydro demolition to remove the top of the concrete deck and the deck repair work, we will have to restrict traffic to half of the bridge with alternating one lane of traffic controlled by a temporary signal at each end. Since the bridge is pretty narrow, we will have to restrict anything that is over 8.5' wide for 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Over-width vehicles would be directed to use a detour route that would use Northport Flat-Creek on the west side of the river and SR 25 on the east side of the river, crossing at Northport (see attached). This detour is about 70 miles long. The wide load detour will be in place during the duration of the project.*

*In order to pour the bridge deck, due to concrete delivery, paving equipment, worker safety, etc., we will need to close the bridge to all traffic during these activities. Our current plan is to set up the contract to require the work requiring full closure to be done at night, maybe from about 8 PM until 6 AM. During the full closure, all traffic would be directed to use the detour route. We estimate that it may take approximately 15-20 nights of full closure requiring the use of the detour route to complete the deck rehabilitation work.*

*This project is estimated to take approximately 3-4 months to complete (July 2012 to October 2012). We are also considering an option of accelerated construction schedule under a full closure.*

*Please forward this to the appropriate individuals within your organization as you deem necessary, and if you have any questions, please let me know.*

*Thanks,  
Mark Allen  
Assistant Project Engineer - WSDOT*

Doll Linton asked about ambulance services during the hours of complete closure. Police Chief Scott Sterland stated WSDOT should be notified that a plan should be in place for travel for emergency vehicles.

#### OLD BUSINESS

#### RESOLUTION NO. 12-01 - A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A FEE SCHEDULE FOR BUILDING CODE ORDINANCE.

City Planner Dave Keeley stated this resolution was presented to City Council at the last meeting. City Council requested more time for review.

City Planner Dave Keeley stated the fees are pretty much consistent with the current fees, some have been rounded up to the nearest dollar.

Council Member Cris Haynes stated her concern is changing to the International Building Code. She stated she has contacted a State Representative regarding this issue and he has not got back to her yet. Cris stated the idea that we are changing to the International Building Code bothers her, she would like more time to investigate.

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam stated the City is already operating under the International Building Code and have been for at least two to three years. Resolution 12-01 is addressing the fees only.

Council Member Jesse Garrett moved to adopt Resolution No. 12-01 a Resolution adopting a fee schedule for building code ordinance. Council member Debbie Gaskin seconded the motion. Motion carried. Council Member Jesse Garrett - yes, Council Member Cris Haynes - yes and Council Member Debbie Gaskin - yes.

ORDINANCE NO. 1712 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KETTLE FALLS,  
WASHINGTON AMENDING CHAPTER 15.07 OF THE KETTLE FALLS MUNICIPAL  
CODE

City Planner Dave Keeley stated Ordinance No. 1712 was introduced to City Council at the last meeting. City Council requested more time for review.

Council Member Cris Haynes stated increasing the Mobile Home permit fees directly affects low income families. Increasing the amount from \$30 to \$75 is a large increase and could be the difference in purchasing medicine or food for a month.

Council Member Jesse Garrett moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1712 by title only. Council Member Debbie Gaskin seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Council Member Jesse Garrett - yes, Council Member Cris Haynes - yes and Council Member Debbie Gaskin - yes.

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:

  
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Mayor Pro-Tem Ray Smith

Attest:

  
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Raena Hallam, Clerk/Treasurer