

KETTLE FALLS CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 17, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Dorothy Slagle called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Ray Smith, Jesse Garrett, Cris Haynes and Debbie Gaskin.

STAFF/GUESTS

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

Guests - Kendle Allen, Michelle Thomas, Mike Thomas, Greg Goodnight and Larmie and Bev Edwards.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MAIL RECEIVED

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

KETTLE FALLS SAVE THE POOL COMMITTEE

Fire Chief John Ridlington stated the Save the Pool Committee has far exceeded its goal of raising \$20,000. John stated the next step is to look into the future of the swimming pool and possibly research forming a Parks & Recreation district.

Fire Chief John Ridlington also stated the Save the Pool Committee would discuss at their next meeting what to do with the extra funds raised to save the pool. Should the money be carried over for 2013, keep the pool open for a full season, etc.

The Mayor and City Council expressed their appreciation to the Kettle Falls Rotary and Save the Pool Committee. Mayor Slagle asked the City Council Parks & Recreation Committee to work with the Save the Pool Committee. City Council asked City Attorney Charlie Schuerman to assist the Save the Pool Committee as needed to research forming a Parks & Recreational district.

HORSESHOE DRIVE WALKING PATH

Kettle Falls School Superintendent Greg Goodnight reported the School District is working with Mr. & Mrs. Richartz regarding the walking path from school to Horseshoe Dr. Mr. Goodnight asked if the City would be willing to purchase fencing for the pathway.

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway stated there is some surplus chain link fencing, but he will have to see if it is useable. Joel stated he would see what is available and get some estimates.

Council Member Jesse Garrett moved to authorize the Mayor to approve the fence if the funding is available not to exceed \$1,500. Council Member Ray Smith 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.

SKATE PARK PHASE III

Michelle Thomas presented a drawing showing City Council phase III for the Skate Park. Phase III includes more flat skate area, changing the slope of the landscape, shade trees and bleachers. Michelle stated the total project cost is about \$15,000.

Michelle Thomas stated the Kettle Falls Rotary Club has committed to \$7,500 and Daniels Nursery has donated two trees. Michelle asked if City Council would waive any permit fees needed to complete Phase III.

Council Member Jesse Garrett moved to authorize digging up the sod and construction of Phase III of the Skate Park. Council Member Cris Haynes 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.

Council Member Jesse Garrett moved to waive any required permit fees for Phase III of the Skate Park. Council Member Cris Haynes seconded the motion. Council Member Ray Smith - yes, Council Member Jesse Garrett - yes, Council Member Cris Haynes - yes and Council Member Debbie Gaskin - yes.

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 20, 2012 CITY COUNCIL MINUTES AND MARCH 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 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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief John Ridlington reported the scheduled fire training was very successful. Three other agencies also participated.

Fire Chief John Ridlington stated they have had several fires in the area and have been called to assist on some fires recently.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY

City Planner Dave Keeley stated construction at the Wastewater Treatment Facility is ramping up and should be full crew by next week.

City Planner Dave Keeley stated he met with Jon Galow to review the WWTP loan programs. He stated Mr. Galow highly recommended a review of the existing loans and maybe reduce the interest rates. Dave also stated Richard Koch of the DOE will be retiring the end of May, 2012.

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway explained it is the City's responsibility to find a way to irrigate from the lagoons to empty them. If this isn't completed it could postpone the contractors work schedule. Joel stated this was worked out before construction began, but a couple property owners have backed out. Joel stated he has contacted other properties owners and is talking with them. Joel asked Council's permission to request City Attorney Charlie Schuerman assist him if any agreements need to be drafted.

City Council gave permission for City Attorney Charlie Schuerman to assist City Superintendent Joel Gassaway in securing irrigation property for the lagoons.

WATER SYSTEM PLAN UPDATE

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway stated the Water System Plan update is due the end of May, 2012 and E&H Engineering will be requesting another extension.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief Scott Sterland reported the police department is beginning to plan for Town & Country Days. Scott also reported numerous crimes in the area including fraud, forgery's, counterfeit money and rape.

WA STATE 2010-2011 AUDIT

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam reported the State Auditors would be coming soon to do a federal audit for fiscal year 2011. The accountability audits for 2010, 2011 and 2012 will be held next year.

NEW BUSINESS

GUN CLUB EASEMENT

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway stated there are maintenance/easement agreements between Bob Jones, the Kettle Falls Gun Club and the City for access to the gun range. Joel stated these need to be updated and costs would be split three ways.

Mayor Slagle stated the fence needs to be fixed so people are not continuing to drive over it instead of opening the gate.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NO. 1713 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KETTLE FALLS, WASHINGTON AMENDING CHAPTER 2.12 OF THE KETTLE FALLS MUNICIPAL CODE.

Council Member Debbie Gaskin moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1713. 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Dorothy Slagle adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Approved:


Dorothy Slagle, Mayor

Attest:


Raena Hallam, Clerk/Treasurer