

KETTLE FALLS CITY COUNCIL
MAY 15, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Dorothy Slagle called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

STAFF/GUESTS

Staff - Raena Hallam, Joel Gassaway, Dave Keeley, Tim Dollar and Teah Chadderdon.

Guests - John Mathes, Lisa Rosen and Travis Switalski.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MAIL RECEIVED

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

WINDY CITY HOT DOG STAND - HAPPY DELL PARK

John Mathis of Windy City Hot Dogs requested permission from City Council to set up a hot dog stand on City property (parks). The hot dog cart is a portable unit approximately 3'X4' in size. They would like to sell hot dogs at Happy Dell Park 2 or 3 days per week. They also have permission from private property owners on Meyers Street to set up.

Council Member Jesse Garrett moved to allow Windy City Hot Dogs to operate on City property (parks). 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.

TOWN & COUNTRY DAYS

City Planner Dave Keeley presented a list of requests on behalf of the Town & Country Days Committee. The list is the same as last year.

City of Kettle Falls Council Meeting
Town & Country Days Requests

1. Close Main Street from 4th Street, but not including 4th Street, to 10th Street from noon on Friday June 1st through Saturday's Activities.
2. Request a noise variance for June 1st and 2nd until 11pm
3. Request the use of the City Park to hold the festival.
4. Request permission to paint the basketball courts on the street from the Library south to near the stage.
5. Request the City provide dumpsters.
6. Request for Beer Garden ~~between Masonic Lodge and Swing set playground~~ ^{by the SWIMMING Pool} and that the Beer Garden close at 11pm
7. Parade route is scheduled from middle school to 4th street and back to the middle school.
8. Request road barriers and that the Fire Dept will be putting them up.
9. Request permission that Burkholz Construction set up the Entertainment stage beginning the first week of June.

Council Member Jesse Garrett moved to approve the requests made by the Town & Country Days Committee. 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.

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 17, 2012 CITY COUNCIL MINUTES AND APRIL VOUCHERS & PAYROLL

Council Member Debbie Gaskin moved to approve the Consent Agenda. 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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SAVE THE POOL COMMITTEE

Council Member Debbie Gaskin stated the Save the Pool Committee is done and commended them for the fantastic job they did. Mayor Slagle stated she appreciated their enthusiasm. The whole community was amazing!

STAFF REPORT

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief John Ridlington reported hose testing will take place this Saturday. John also reported that all trucks are taken in for routine servicing. One truck had an electrical problem that hopefully has been solved.

John reported he is organizing a raffle for Town & Country Days called Duck Droppings. People can buy a ping pong ball for \$5 and when the balls are dropped into the water the first ball touch the side will win the ticket holder half of the money. The remainder of the money will go to the Kettle Falls Rotary Club for community projects.

PUBLIC WORKS

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway reported he hired Rob Rennich for the Summer Supervisor position at 20 hours per week. Joel stated he is trying to get someone through the Summer Youth program to assist Rob.

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway stated it appears the paint problem with the water tank may be back. One strip of paint has a new gash and hopefully it is an isolated spot. The primer appears to be good.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY

City Planner Dave Keeley stated Richard Koch is retiring from the WA State Dept. of Ecology.

City Planner Dave Keeley stated he has submitted a request to review the City's PWTF loan. The purpose of the review is to prove Kettle Falls is a distressed community and possibly lower our 2% interest rate to ½%.

NEW BUSINESS

KETTLE FALLS LIBRARY

Library Manager Teah Chadderdon requested City Council to consider paying 50% of the cost to remodel the library. Teah explained the money set aside to build an addition to the library is growing too slow and the need to improve the library environment has become an immediate necessity. Teah stated the Friends of the Library stated they would pay for 50% of the cost if the City would allow use of Library Reserve funds for the remaining 50%. Teah stated she expects the cost to be around \$40,000 total.

Library Manager Teah Chadderdon discussed with City Council why she would like to remodel at this time instead of waiting to add an addition to the library:

Kettle Falls Library Facility Project

- The Library District supports the eventual plan to expand the Kettle Falls Library in order to meet the growing need of the community.
- However, grant funding for capital facility projects are currently at an all-time low due to the economy.
- In addition, passing a local bond to build a building will be challenging in today's economic climate.
- It has become increasingly apparent that the reality of new construction will be many years out.
- Therefore, the Library Districts recommends a project to improve and upgrade the current space to make it more useful to current users.
- Current Kettle Falls Library patrons are tax payers and library users and they deserve to have a great library now (within the limits of our resources.)
- Many of the improvements to be suggested are things that would need to be done even if the addition were happening (improved access to electrical outlets, replace the carpet, painting, furniture, etc.), so the efforts expanded now will not be wasted.
- The Colville and Chewelah Public Libraries recently did some similar changes and upgrades to their facilities and were able to make huge impacts, without any major renovations or construction.
- It's important for facilities to be maintained in order for the public to think well of them, and to potentially want to be part of a fund-raising campaign. There is a real danger in letting a property degrade to a point where people no longer think it's a "going concern."
- We believe the community of Kettle Falls deserves the best library we can provide. We think that these upgrades will make people even happier to be in the library, and even prouder of their community.

Mayor Slagle expressed her support of remodeling the library and asked Teah to gather quotes and return to City Council with three project quotes.

ADA REQUIREMENTS FOR SWIMMING POOL

City Planner Dave Keeley stated City Attorney Charlie Schuermann is concerned the City of Kettle Falls does not have a pool lift for disabled persons as required by the US Department of Justice.

City Planner Dave Keeley stated the cost of a lift is between \$3,000 to \$8,500. The fine of not meeting this requirement is about \$55,000.

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway stated the handout states "Public accommodations must bring existing pools into compliance with the 2012 Standards to the extent that it is readily achievable to do so." Joel referred to the definition of *readily achievable* also in the handout "easily accomplishable and able to be carried out without much difficulty or expense." Joel stated installation probably won't be difficult, but considering the budget and time frame it is an expense that was not budgeted.

Mayor Slagle stated she would like to have more time for herself and City Council to review the information.

OLD BUSINESS

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT - IRRIGATING

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway reported the Meyers Falls Cemetery is very willing to allow the City to irrigate on their property. However, there will be some regulations that they may not wish to comply with. Joel also stated Mr. Lilienthal is a little reluctant and he is still working with him to come to an agreement to allow the City to irrigate on his property. Mr. Lilienthal is requesting in trade of irrigation is rezoning his property to Multi Family at the City's expense. City Council encouraged Mr. Lilienthal to apply for rezoning and the Kettle Falls Planning Commission to expedite the process if possible.

PUBLIC COMMENT

KETTLE FALLS POLICE DEPT AND FIRE DEPARTMENT

Police Officer Tim Dollar thanked the Kettle Falls Fire Department for assisting the Police Department over the years. Their assistance is greatly appreciated.

FLOWER WHISKEY BARRELS

Lisa Rosen reported to City Council a total of 39 whiskey barrels were adopted and will be planted this Sunday at noon. Lisa stated the City will be watering two days per week and she will ask if the businesses will water the barrels in front of their business. Lisa expressed her excitement for the project and looking forward to Sunday.

Mayor Slagle thanked Lisa Rosen for organizing the whiskey barrel project and making it so successful.

Council Member Jesse Garrett requested Lisa to notify people before the barrels are removed, so people can remove plants if they wish to.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Dorothy Slagle adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

Approved:


Dorothy Slagle, Mayor

Attest:


Raena Hallam, Clerk/Treasurer