

KETTLE FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 19, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

Council Member Jesse Garrett moved to excuse Council Member Debbie Gaskin. Council Member Ray Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member Ray Smith - yes, Council Member Bonnie Bradley - yes, Council Member Jesse Garrett - yes and Council Member Cris Haynes - yes.

STAFF/GUESTS

Staff - Charlie Schuerman, Raena Hallam, Dave Keeley, Joel Gassaway, Chris Courchene and John Ridlington.

Guests - Gary Esvelt, Stephanie Esvelt, Lu Haynes and Kendle Allen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MAIL RECEIVED

As there were no Announcements or Mail received, Council moved on to Public Comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 5, 2013

Council Member Ray Smith moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member Jesse Garrett seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member Ray Smith - yes, Council Member Bonnie Bradley - yes, Council Member Jesse Garrett - yes and Council Member Cris Haynes - yes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

STAFF REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway stated 25 applications were received for the Wastewater Operator 1 position. Of those applicants, 6 were selected for interviews. Council Member Jesse Garrett, Wastewater Operator II Paul Jacobs and himself will be conducting the interviews.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief John Ridlington reported in 2012 there were about 60 fires. John explained with the annexation of the Town of Marcus and Pingston area Stevens County Fire District #6 he expects more fire calls in 2013.

Fire Chief John Ridlington reported Stevens County Fire District #6 is planning to build a new fire hall in the Town of Marcus.

PLANNING COMMISSION

City Planner Dave Keeley reported Rauna Wilson has expressed an interest in serving on the Kettle Falls Planning Commission. Dave explained Ms. Wilson is not feeling well and has not submitted a letter of interest. Dave asked City Council if they could go ahead and appoint her.

Council Member Jesse Garrett moved to authorize Mayor Slagle to appoint Rauna Wilson to the Kettle Falls Planning Commission. Council Member Cris Haynes seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member Ray Smith - yes, Council Member Bonnie Bradley - yes, Council Member Jesse Garrett - yes and Council Member Cris Haynes - yes.

NEW BUSINESS

WELL PUMP #2

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway reported Pump #2 needs to be rebuilt and could take a couple weeks to fix. Joel stated there will be no interruption to water service.

POSSIBLE COMPUTER SOFTWARE BID AWARD

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam reported she had done a request for proposals through the MRSC Small Works Roster program for computer software. One response was received from Vision Municipal Solutions. Raena explained this is the same software that was budgeted in 2012, but she did not purchase since the budget was so tight. Raena stated she has saved the money to purchase the

software programs on a five year no interest program offered by Vision Municipal Solutions.

Council Member Jesse Garrett moved to authorize Mayor Slagle to enter into an agreement with Vision Municipal Solutions to purchase software for City Hall. Council Member Bonnie Bradley seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member Ray Smith - yes, Council Member Bonnie Bradley - yes, Council Member Jesse Garrett - yes and Council Member Cris Haynes - yes.

POLICE CHIEF APPOINTMENT

Council Member Bonnie Bradley moved to confirm Mayor Slagle's appointment of Chris Courchene to the position of Kettle Falls Police Chief. Council Member Ray Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member Ray Smith - yes, Council Member Bonnie Bradley - yes, Council Member Jesse Garrett - yes and Council Member Cris Haynes - yes.

City Attorney Charlie Schuerman administered the Oath of Office to Chris Courchene.

SERGEANTS POSITION

Mayor Slagle stated she has been contemplating creating a Sergeants position for several months. The Mayor further stated she would like to pursue that idea now and has discussed the issue with Police Chief Chris Courchene and Officer Tim Dollar. Mayor Slagle stated she feels filling the Sergeants position at this time would be a good idea.

Police Chief Chris Courchene reported there would be extra training and the position would assist in shouldering additional responsibilities.

Council Member Jesse Garrett moved to authorize Police Chief Chris Courchene to pursue the creation of a Sergeants position. Council Member Cris Haynes seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member Ray Smith - yes, Council Member Bonnie Bradley - yes, Council Member Jesse Garrett - yes and Council Member Cris Haynes - yes.

OLD BUSINESS

AVISTA CONTRACT UPDATE

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway reported Avista has used less water, but under the new contract the City received more revenue. Joel further stated he is aware Avista has acquired more water rights and he does not think they will be on the City water system

for much longer. The City needs to plan for this large loss of revenue.

KETTLE FALLS SWIMMING POOL UPDATE

Mayor Slagle reported the Kettle Falls Save the Pool Committee has approached her in hopes to open the swimming pool in 2013. A meeting has been scheduled for February 28, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. to see if the group wishes to do more fundraising.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

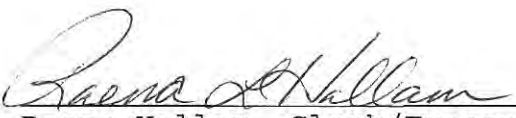
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Dorothy Slagle adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Approved:


Dorothy Slagle, Mayor

Attest:


Raena Hallam, Clerk/Treasurer