

KETTLE FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 2, 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, Cris Haynes and Debbie Gaskin.

STAFF/GUESTS

Staff - Charlie Schuerman, Raena Hallam, Dave Keeley, Chris Courchene, Teah Chadderdon, Tim Dollar, Mark Coon and John Ridlington.

Guests - Luu Haynes and Heather Dollar.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MAIL RECEIVED

VARNELL PROPERTY - PDA INFORMATION

City Planner Dave Keeley distributed to City Council a packet of information regarding a Public Development Authority (PDA) prepared by City Attorney Charlie Schuerman. Dave asked City Council to take it home and review.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES FOR MARCH 19, 2013 AND MARCH VOUCHERS AND PAYROLL

Council Member Ray Smith moved to approve the Consent Agenda. 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, Council Member Cris Haynes - yes and Council Member Debbie Gaskin - yes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FIRE DEPARTMENT - EMS

Council Member Debbie Gaskin reported she attended the Fire Department meeting and the discussion was implementing an EMS program.

Mayor Slagle stated she thinks it's a good idea, but doesn't see it as a priority at this time. She explained the 2013 budget doesn't include opening the swimming pool or filling the vacant Police Officer position. Until those items are included in the budget and the budget can be brought up to par, she will not support adding new programs.

STAFF REPORTS

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief John Ridlington reported a fire at Meyers Street and 7th Avenue. John stated the two occupants are very lucky they were able to get out of the home. One suffered from carbon monoxide poisoning, but seems to be okay. John stated the fire damage was minimal.

MEETING WITH CONGRESSWOMAN CATHY MCMORRIS RODGERS

City Planner Dave Keeley reported he met with Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers and area business owners to discuss local concerns. Dave stated the businesses are reporting an increase in business activity over the last two years.

City Planner Dave Keeley stated Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers intends to focus on opening up timber sales on the Colville National Forest. The Colville National Forest has the least amount of roads and trails compared to other forests.

PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR DRAFT WATER PLAN AND SIX YEAR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

City Planner Dave Keeley stated the next City Council meeting agenda would include a public hearing for the draft water plan. Dave stated he expects the public to attend and asked City Council to be sure and review their material before then.

City Planner Dave Keeley stated he is working with Stevens County to use STPR money to resurface Meyers Street. In order to progress the City will need to update the Six Year Transportation Improvement Program and a public hearing is scheduled for the April 16, 2013 City Council meeting.

VARNELL PROPERTY - INVESTORS

City Planner Dave Keeley gave a brief review of what has been proposed for the Varnell property located on the East side of town.

City Planner Dave Keeley stated a group of investors wish to plant 100 acres of hybrid Paulownia trees. The trees grow 32 feet per year and are ready to harvest in 6 years. It is used to make

furniture and hog fuel for electrical plants. The proposal includes building a small electrical power plant, but first the investors need a company to sell the power to. Suggested companies are a furniture factory or a server farm.

Dave explained the investors need access to federal money for green projects and that would require the City to form a Public Development Authority (PDA). Examples of existing PDA's are Pikes Market in Seattle and the Spokane Convention Center.

Mr. Varnell is willing to finance the creation of a master plan for the project and it will include the entire plan and some revitalization for the City of Kettle Falls.

City Planner Dave Keeley further explained the Town of Marcus currently has twelve trees growing in their City Park. Marcus did not do proper maintenance on the trees and one of them still grew 15 feet the first year. Dave stated the investors will be bringing a few trees to Kettle Falls to plant for the City to see how they grow.

Mayor Slagle added that the project will produce jobs for the area and will include a school educational component.

NEW BUSINESS

APPOINTMENT TO SERGEANT POSITION

Council Member Jesse Garrett confirmed the Mayors appointment of Tim Dollar to the position of Police Sergeant. Council Member Ray Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried. Council Member Ray Smith - yes, Council Member Bonnie Bradley - yes, Council Member Jesse Garrett - yes, Council Member Cris Haynes - yes and Council Member Debbie Gaskin - yes.

City Attorney Charlie Schuerman administered the Oath of Office to Tim Dollar promoting him to Police Sergeant for the City of Kettle Falls. The Mayor and City Council congratulated Tim and expressed their appreciation.

APPOINTMENT TO POLICE OFFICER POSITION

City Attorney Charlie Schuerman administered the Oath of Office to Mark Coon to fill the vacant Police Officer position. The Mayor and City Council welcomed Officer Coon to the area.

APPOINTMENT TO KETTLE FALLS LIBRARY BOARD

Library Manager Teah Chadderdon explained Matt Smith was appointed to the Kettle Falls Library Board on March 19th by City Council. However, she didn't have approval at that time from the other

library board members. Since that time she has heard from all of her board members and asked City Council to confirm their appointment of Mr. Matt Smith to the Kettle Falls Library Board.

Council Member Debbie Gaskin moved to confirm the appointment of Matt Smith to the Kettle Falls Library Board. Council Member Ray Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried. Council Member Ray Smith - yes, Council Member Bonnie Bradley - yes, Council Member Jesse Garrett - yes, Council Member Cris Haynes - yes and Council Member Debbie Gaskin - yes.

PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

City Planner Dave Keeley reported Larmie Edwards has requested to resign from the Kettle Falls Planning Commission pending finding a replacement. Dave stated Yvonne Lawrence has expressed interest in being appointed to the Planning Commission which replaces Rauna Wilson.

Council Member Jesse Garrett moved to appoint Yvonne Lawrence to the Kettle Falls Planning Commission. 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, Council Member Cris Haynes - yes and Council Member Debbie Gaskin - yes.

OLD BUSINESS

NUISANCE PROPERTIES

City Attorney Charlie Schuerman stated the first step in reviewing the nuisance ordinances is setting priorities. Then make revisions accordingly.

Mayor Slagle stated it is important to her that the ordinance doesn't infringe on any civil liberties and is easy to read and understand.

City Attorney stated he would sit down with Police Chief Chris Courchene, City Planner Dave Keeley and any Council Members who wish to participate to review the ordinance. He hopes to have something by the April 16, 2013 City Council meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS MAINTENANCE SHOP

Mayor Slagle stated E&H Engineering has submitted a proposal to build a Public Works Maintenance Shop for \$797,000. This amount is under budget and the Mayor asked approval to sign a contract with E&H Engineering to move forward with the design phase. The cost of design is \$75,000 which is included in the \$797,000 estimate.

Council Member Debbie Gaskin moved to approve the Mayor to enter into a contract with E&H Engineering to design a Public Works Maintenance Shop. 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, Council Member Cris Haynes - yes and Council Member Debbie Gaskin - yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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


ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Dorothy Slagle adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

Approved:


Dorothy Slagle, Mayor

Attest:


Raena Hallam, Clerk/Treasurer

