

KETTLE FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 16, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Slagle called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

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, Joel Gassaway, LeAnne Sanders and John Ridlington.

Guests - Tom Haggerty Sr., Wanda Williamson, Harold Monette, Jeanie Haynes, Jim Harberd, Fumiko Harberd, Jennifer Clemons, Ranae Sphuler, Mike Sphuler, Eric Weatherman, Rachel Maier and John Tyra.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MAIL RECEIVED

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

KETTLE FALLS ROYALTY

Rachel Maier introduced herself as Miss Kettle Falls alternate and explained Miss Kettle Falls Samantha Moss couldn't attend this evening. Mayor Slagle thanked Miss Maier for coming.

TOWN & COUNTRY DAYS 2013 REQUEST

City Planner Dave Keeley stated the list is the same as requested in 2012.

City of Kettle Falls Council Meeting
Town & Country Days Requests for 2013

1. Close Main Street from 4th Street, but not including 4th Street, to 10th Street from noon on Friday May 31 through Saturday's Activities.
2. Request a noise variance for May 31st and June 1st 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 West side of the South end of the 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 last week of May..

Council Member Jesse Garrett moved to approve the requests for 2013 Town & Country Days. 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.

KETTLE FALLS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Chamber President John Tyra stated the Chamber of Commerce is gearing up for the summer and would like to request \$1000 from the Hotel/Motel Tax funds. The money would be used for advertising, etc.

Council Member Cris Haynes moved to authorize giving the Kettle Falls Chamber of Commerce \$1000 of Hotel/Motel Tax money. 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

KETTLE FALLS SAVE THE POOL COMMITTEE

John Ridlington on behalf of the Kettle Falls Save the Pool Committee and the Kettle Falls Rotary Club, presented the Mayor with a check to open the Kettle Falls Swimming Pool for lessons during the 2013 summer season.

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam explained to City Council a couple things they should be aware of if the swimming pool is opened in 2013.

1. The 2013 swimming pool budget presented by STPC includes a \$5 increase for lesson fees.
2. It will be a shorter season from the last week of June, through July 31, 2013.
3. STPC has proposed operating budget cuts which would equal over \$3,000 in savings.
4. Does not include the purchase of an ADA chair lift.

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam explained the rate increase for lessons is comparable to other Cities in the area. Raena also suggested keeping the pool open until August 2, 2013 since July 31st is a Wednesday depending on the status of the budget. Raena further explained she does not believe operating expenses could be cut by \$3,000 since the prep time and daily maintenance will still be needed to keep the pool open. Raena stated the City Council should expect a budget amendment at the end of the year between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

City Council and the Mayor thanked STPC and the Kettle Falls Rotary for their outstanding fund raising efforts and directed Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam to move forward with opening the Kettle Falls Swimming Pool for the summer of 2013.

PUBLIC HEARING - WATER PLAN

Tom Haggerty, Sr. of E&H Engineering, presented the Kettle Falls draft water plan to the City Council. The plan is ready to be submitted to the WA State Dept. of Health for their approval, however, City Council has to approve it before it is submitted. Mr. Haggerty suggested he meet with the City Council Utilities Committee and the committee could recommend adoption or not adopting the water plan to the rest of the City Council.

Mayor Slagle opened the Public Hearing for consumer input at 7:30 p.m.

Jim Harberd, 1088B Harberd Way, Kettle Falls, stated he would like to have City water available outside the City limits.

Wanda Williamson, Marcus, WA, stated she is considering purchasing property by the marina and would like City water available.

Harold Monette, Hwy 20 E, Kettle Falls, WA, stated he has been waiting for water outside the City limits for fifteen years. Mr. Monette stated he received a letter promising him water to his property outside the City limits and he developed his property on the faith of the letter. However, he was denied water.

Fire Chief John Ridlington stated this is a good opportunity to review rates, and give people outside the City limits the incentive to annex.

As there was no more comment, Mayor Slagle closed the Public Hearing for consumer input at 7:39 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING - SIX YEAR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM 2013-2018

City Planner Dave Keeley reviewed the 2013 - 2018 Six Year Transportation Improvement Program with the Mayor and City Council. (Copy on File)

Council Member Cris Haynes stated there are already sidewalks from Meyers Street to Oak Street and to run those sidewalks an extra two blocks, would be much cheaper than running a new sidewalk in the south side.

Mayor Slagle opened the Public Hearing for Public Comment at 7:49 p.m. No Comments were made. Mayor Slagle closed the public hearing at 7:50 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES FOR APRIL 2, 2013

Council Member Ray Smith moved to approve the Consent Agenda. 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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

KETTLE FALLS PLANNING COMMISSION

Debbie Gaskin reported she attended the Planning Commission meeting and discussion included a scheduling *Short Course* planning commission training, Yvonne Lawrence was appointed to the commission and an update of the Varnell property on the east side of Kettle Falls.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Council Member Jesse Garrett stated the Fire Department meeting included discussion about upcoming training and events.

STAFF REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway reported the Well #2 pump should be completed next week. Joel also reported IMCO is back to address the punch list items at the Wastewater Treatment Facility.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief Chris Courchene reported Officer Mark Coon is finished with his FTO training and will be working on his own next week. Chief Courchene also stated the new car should be equipped and ready for duty next week also.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 13-01 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A SIX YEAR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM for 2013-2018

Council Member Jesse Garrett moved to adopt Resolution No. 13-01. 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.

OLD BUSINESS

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

NUISANCE PROPERTIES

Jennifer Clemons stated she is trying to sell her property and her neighbor's yard is so junky it has brought the value of her house down. Mrs. Clemons stated she would like the nuisance ordinance enforced.

Mayor Slagle stated she is aware of the property she is discussing and one year ago the property was a lot worse. It is not perfect today, but it has shown improvement since last year. It is his property and as long as he hasn't turned it into a rat fest or health hazard there isn't anything the City can do.

Mr. Mike Sphuler questioned why the ordinances haven't been updated so the nuisance properties can be addressed.

City Attorney Charlie Schuerman explained nuisance issues are a common problem among municipalities. Nuisance properties are one of the most difficult problems that cities deal with. The Cities primary goal is to regulate the health and safety of the City. If it doesn't create a hazard one man's trash could be another man's treasure. Only when the health and safety of the public at large is threatened can the City enforce nuisance regulations.

City Attorney Charlie Schuerman stated nuisance issues are and will continue to be an issue for not only Kettle Falls, but all cities..

Mayor Slagle added everyone wants cleanliness, tidiness in the City, on the other hand nuisance properties exist wherever we go and wherever we are. It is important to remember everyone's civil rights, even if it isn't always the nicest thing.

DISABLED HOUSING

Eric Weatherman stated Casey McKern was paralyzed in a diving accident years ago and lives in Kettle Falls. Eric explained he is good friends with Mr. McKern and finds him to be a very positive young man and a big inspiration to other disabled individuals.

One of the goals of Mr. McKern is to live independently. So last January Mr. Weather and Mr. McKern approached Habitat for Humanity to discuss building housing for disabled individuals. This would not be a house with an enlarged bathroom and wide doors. This would be a home that included wheel chair lifts, voice command functions, room for disabled visitors and a caretaker unit.

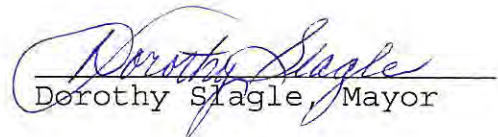
After discussion, Mr. Weatherman stated Habitat for Humanity wishes to move forward with the project and Mr. Weatherman is now looking for suitable property. It should be close to schools, parks, stores and on flat ground.

Mayor Slagle and City Council thanked Mr. Weatherman for coming and would try to think of suitable property.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Dorothy Slagle adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

Approved:


Dorothy Slagle, Mayor

Attest:


Raena Hallam, Clerk/Treasurer