

KETTLE FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 6, 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, Mark Coon, Joel Gassaway, Raena Hallam, John Ridlington and Dave Keeley.

Guests - Lu Haynes, Dana Cowger, Curt Holland, Steve Schott and Sue Urhausen

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MAIL RECEIVED

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

VARELA & ASSOCIATES

Dana Cowger introduced himself and Curt Holland to the City Council explaining he has been with Varella and Associates for 28 years. Mr. Cowger stated he is looking forward to working with the City of Kettle Falls and expects the project to be awarded and construction beginning in about one month.

KETTLE FALLS FOOD BANK BUILDING PERMIT

Steve Schott, with the Kettle Falls Food Bank explained the current food bank building needs better insulation and the floor plan doesn't meet the current needs. The Food Bank is averaging about 208 clients the last few months and provided 72 tons of food to the community in 2012.

City Planner Dave Keeley stated the Kettle Falls Food Bank has applied for a building permit in the amount of \$1,218.50 for their proposed remodel project. The food bank is requesting a waiver of this fee with the exception of the \$4.50 state fee.

Council Member Bonnie Bradley moved to waive the building permit fee for the Kettle Falls Food Bank. 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.

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES FOR JULY 16TH

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, Council Member Cris Haynes - yes and Council Member Debbie Gaskin - yes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

9/11 MEMORIAL AND PLAYGROUND DEDICATION

Mayor Slagle stated a formal dedication and September 11th Memorial has been scheduled for September 7th beginning at 10:00 a.m. Mayor Slagle stated there will be speakers, vendors, music and the American Legion Color Guard will be present. Kid games, beer garden and live music will be open until 8:00 p.m.

STAFF REPORTS

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT OPEN HOUSE

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway commended Secretary/Clerk Sherry Chambers for her exceptional job of planning the open house at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. It was a light turnout, but it was very nice.

WATER PLAN

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway stated the WA State Dept. of Health recalculated the City's water services and gave the City more than 200 additional hookups. Joel explained when Avista is off the water system the City will apply for more hookups.

NEW BUSINESS

As there was no New Business City Council moved on to Old Business.

OLD BUSINESS

ON CALL OVERTIME HOURS AND PAY

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway stated the personnel policy needs to be amended to address the on call overtime for the Public Works Department. Joel explained with the addition of the Wastewater Treatment Plant crewmembers were given additional duties during their on call weekends. At the time the plant became operational the crewmembers were paid for an additional 2 hours temporarily to see if this would cover the additional time to perform those duties. The personnel policy was not changed since it was done temporarily as a trial basis.

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway stated the current on call pay is based on 4 hours at the crewmembers current wage.

Council Member Jesse Garrett stated there are several ways of handling on call pay, but he would like to see a flat rate for a Crewmember on call and not based on wages. Jesse explained he doesn't want anyone to lose wages, but the duties are the same no matter what pay the crewmember is paid.

After discussion, City Superintendent will draft an on call proposal for City Council review.

NUISANCE PROPERTIES

City Planner Dave Keeley stated himself and Council Member Bonnie Bradley toured the City taking pictures and identifying 36 nuisance properties. Dave explained the first step is the opportunity to do voluntary correction. (Pictures and list of properties were available for Council review at the Council table).

Mayor Slagle stated a letter will be written to the property owners that she will sign and add a hand written note. She explained that she thought the manner of approach was extremely important in dealing with the property owners.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Dorothy Slagle adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Approved:

Dorothy Slagle, Mayor

Attest:

Raena Hallam, Clerk/Treasurer