

**KETTLE FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**NOVEMBER 5, 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 - Dave Keeley, Chris Courchene, John Ridlington, Joel Gassaway, Raena Hallam and Charlie Schuerman.

Guests - Lu Haynes.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MAIL RECEIVED**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**PUBLIC HEARING - PROPERTY TAXES**

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam explained to City Council the purpose of the hearing is to discuss a possible 1% increase based on valuation of the property taxes for 2014. Raena stated this is done annually by law, and Council does have the option of banking the 1% for use in the future (banked capacity). Raena stated a couple years ago the State government considered not allowing Cities to use their banked capacity. Raena recommended City Council adopt an ordinance increasing the property taxes by 1% for the 2014 tax levy.

Council Member Cris Haynes stated she did not want to increase any taxes in 2014. Families in the area are already struggling.

Mayor Slagle opened the Public Hearing for Public Comment at 7:10 p.m.

Lu Haynes stated she does not believe in increasing any taxes during these difficult economic times.

Fire Chief John Ridlington stated this is a small increase and helps with streets, swimming pool, police and library funds.

Mayor Slagle closed the Public hearing to Public Comment at 7:13 p.m.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1723 - AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES TO RAISE REVENUE NECESSARY TO DEFRAY EXPENSES AND EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF KETTLE FALLS, WASHINGTON FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014.**

Council Member Jesse Garrett moved to introduce Ordinance No. 1723 by title only. 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, Council Member Cris Haynes - yes and Council Member Debbie Gaskin - yes.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1724 -AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2014.**

Council Member Bonnie Bradley moved to introduce Ordinance No. 1723 by title only. 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 HEARING - 2014 BUDGET**

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam reported she hopes to have a balanced budget to present to City Council on November 12<sup>th</sup>. Raena stated she has balanced all funds including department requests except for the Library Funds, Street Funds and Current Expense Fund.

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam further explained the Public Works department has requested \$10,000 for miscellaneous paving projects and \$30,000 to chip seal city streets. Raena stated Stevens County is able to perform the chip seal projects making the cost much cheaper. Therefore, if the \$30,000 is not funded in 2014 the County will not be able to perform the work for another 7 years. On top of the \$10,000 and \$30,000 requested if the grant money for the Hwy 395 sidewalk project is awarded the City will need to provide \$45,000 in matching funds.

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam stated she does not anticipate any issues with balancing the library budget, but the Mayor is meeting with Library Manager Teah Chadderdon and Stevens County Library Director Amanda Six, tomorrow November 6, 2013.

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam stated the Current Expense fund is always difficult to balance and will be the majority of the discussion during the Budget Workshop on November 12<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Slagle opened the Public Hearing at 7:19 for Public Comment. As there was no public comment, Mayor Slagle closed the public hearing to public comment at 7:21 p.m.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 15<sup>TH</sup> AND 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2013 AND OCTOBER VOUCHERS & PAYROLL**

Council Member Ray Smith moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member Debbie Gaskin 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**

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

**STAFF REPORTS**

**LIBRARY SURVEY**

City Planner Dave Keeley reported the phone surveys for the library expansion project will hopefully be completed sometime this week.

**HAPPY DELL PARK STAGE**

City Planner Dave Keeley stated logs for the proposed Happy Dell Park Stage were donated by the Ken Phillips family and Columbia Cedar. Dave stated the logs were peeled by volunteers.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Fire Chief John Ridlington stated the Fire Department would be performing pump tests at the marina all day tomorrow. These tests are required by the insurance rating bureau.

**MEYERS STREET RESURFACING PROJECT**

Mayor Slagle stated she is pleased with the Meyers Street Resurfacing Project and has received a lot of positive feedback from the public.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT - K9 PROGRAM**

Police Chief Chris Courchene stated he will be giving a presentation to the City Council regarding starting a K9 program for the police department. The dog would be considered a \*Dual Dog\* which means it is trained to find narcotics and human scent.

However, it is not a bite a hold dog. It is a dog that could be used for search & rescue purposes.

Police Chief Chris Courchene stated the Drug Seizure revenues could be used to fund the program and there would need to be some discussion with the Teamsters union. The Border Patrol has also offered to include the dog in their own dog training program.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **MEDICAL AND RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA**

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam distributed two ordinances to the City Council from the City of Chewelah. Raena stated the ordinance will be introduced tomorrow in Chewelah during their regular City Council meeting.

Mayor Slagle stated she does not wish to ban the use of medical marijuana, she only wishes to ban the selling of marijuana as a business inside the City limits of Kettle Falls. Mayor Slagle states she would like a very simple short ordinance.

City Attorney Charlie Schuerman stated he drafted the ordinances being presented to the Chewelah City Council. He explained medical marijuana and recreational marijuana are being treated separate at the state level and as a result should be treated as two separate issues at the City level. Charlie further explained the ordinances only ban selling, growing and processing marijuana businesses until the Federal and State governments can come to an enforcement agreement.

After discussion, City Council took both ordinances home for homework to discuss at the next City Council meeting.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

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

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

##### **LIBRARY SURVEYS**

Lu Haynes asked when the results from the Library Surveys would be available. City Planner Dave Keeley stated the results will be reviewed by a consultant and provided shortly afterward.

**KETTLE FALLS ROTARY DINNER**

Mayor Slagle stated she attended the annual Kettle Falls Rotary dinner and had a good time. She stated there was a great turn out, a lot of money was raised and the Rotary Club did a great job putting it together.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Dorothy Slagle adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

Approved:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dorothy Slagle, Mayor

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Raena Hallam, Clerk/Treasurer