

**KETTLE FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MARCH 4, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Dorothy Slagle called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Dorothy Slagle, Jeanie Thompson, Bonnie Bradley, Jesse Garrett, Cris Haynes and Debbie Gaskin.

**STAFF/GUESTS**

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

Guests - Diane Durbin, Greg Goodnight, Lu Haynes, Glen Thompson, Joe Kerns, Tom Graham, Dennis Roberts, Robert Hartinger, Barney Weiss, Roy Sparks, Jim Olsen, Thayan Knowlton, Greg Price and Brenda Linton.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MAIL RECEIVED**

**LETTER FROM SENATOR BRIAN DANSEL**

City Attorney Charlie Schuerman read into the record a letter received from Senator Brian Dandel.



Senator Brian Dandel

February 6, 2014

Dorothy Slagle  
Honorable Mayor of Kettle Falls  
Honorable City Council Members of Kettle Falls  
PO Box 457  
Kettle Falls, WA 99141

Dear Mayor Slagle and City Council Members:

I would like to dispel a rumor that I supported a party which is trying to bring a lawsuit against the City of Kettle Falls. In a "Letter to the Editor" of the Statesman Examiner newspaper dated January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 there is a statement made that I was concerned about or in some way upset about the City and its dealings with this particular party. This statement could not be further from the truth. The only communication I have had with these people was when I received a phone call and asking me to confront you at one of your regular meetings. As you know, I did not show up to any of your council meetings for this purpose. I have since had many citizens of Kettle Falls either calling or writing me to tell me an entirely different story. This "Letter to the Editor" that references me by name was written without my permission or knowledge. I truly wish you all the best of luck in this matter and hope this brings some clarity on my position regarding this issue.

Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Senator Brian Dandel  
Cell 509.322.5768

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 7, 2014 AND FEBRUARY, 2014 VOUCHERS AND PAYROLL**

Council Member Jesse Garrett moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member Cris Haynes seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member Jeanie Thompson - 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 the Staff Reports.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**AUDITING SCHEDULES**

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam distributed the 2014 budget book, voucher and cash drawer audit schedules to City Council.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Fire Chief John Ridlington stated there has been no fires except a garage fire outside of the City limits on Delaware.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway reported his department has been very busy moving into their new shop. Crewman Rob Rennich and Wastewater Operator R.J. Plaster are going to a water certification class for three days.

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway stated he will be advertising to fill the vacant Crewman position in the near future.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**KETTLE FALLS GUN RANGE**

Mayor Slagle stated the City owned property of 34 acres has been appraised for \$60,000.

City Planner Dave Keeley stated the property is located across from the Stevens County landfill next to the Kettle Falls Gun Club. The City uses the property for the Police Department to practice and perform firearm certifications. Dave stated the City has seen an increase in use by other law enforcement agencies and he is not sure the City wants to be in the gun range business. Dave suggested the possibility of the Kettle Falls Gun Club leasing/managing the property for a short period of time. (5 years)

Mr. Barney Weiss stated the Kettle Falls Gun Club has received a \$200,000 grant for expansion and is interested in discussing options with the City. Mr. Weiss discussed some of the ideas of expansion, educational classes, firearm safety etc. Mr. Weiss stated public meetings would be held to learn what the community interests are.

City Attorney Charlie Schuerman stated the largest concern is liability.

After discussion, Mayor Slagle stated herself and Police Chief Chris Courchene would meet with the Kettle Falls Gun Club to take a tour of the site. Afterwards the Mayor would like Police Chief Chris Courchene and the Police/Fire/Safety Committee to proceed with further discussions with the Kettle Falls Gun Club.

#### **WOODHAVEN IVY STREET RIGHT OF WAY**

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway stated the manager of Woodhaven Apartments would like permission to clean up the wooded area between the apartments and the cemetery. This is City right of way and they would clean trash, remove brush, etc. in hopes to place a picnic table there for the tenants to use.

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway stated he doesn't have an issue with it, but they are requesting a letter from the City authorizing them to perform the work. Joel asked City Attorney Charlie Schuerman what the letter should say.

City Attorney Charlie Schuerman said the City of Colville has a volunteer policy that took considerable effort and time to create. Charlie suggested Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam contact AWC and discuss with them the requirements for volunteers to perform work on City property.

**KETTLE FALLS SWIMMING POOL - PARKS & RECREATION DISTRICT**

Mr. Greg Goodnight explained he would like to offer the City a solution to budget issues regarding the Kettle Falls Swimming Pool is to create a Parks & Recreation District.

Mayor Slagle stated the City does not like having the swimming pool closed and is considered temporarily closed. While she wants to really support any group that is willing to give so much time and effort into a project of this nature. She is reluctant when it is brought to my attention that some of these meeting are used as a forum to complain about the City and supposedly rolling in money. As Mayor in her opinion, she has a difficult time supporting any project when she feels the agenda is two pronged.

Council Member Bonnie Bradley stated she is not prepared to give any approval this evening. She is not interested in more taxes for anyone.

Mr. Goodnight stated they would at least like to receive some encouragement to move forward.

Mayor Slagle stated she felt he would probably get permission to proceed gathering information.

Council Member Jeanie Thompson stated she has attended several of the meetings and of those she attended she has not heard any bad mouthing of the City Council. Jeanie explained the committee has been trying to find a way to meet the needs of the community. Jeanie further stated the City Council would not be putting another tax on the people, it has to be put in front of the voters.

After discussion, Mayor Slagle asked City Attorney Charlie Schuerman to gather informations regarding Parks & Recreational Districts and identify the Cities responsibilities.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**POSSIBLE FUEL BID AWARD**

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway stated he spoke with the owner of Whitty's and learned they are planning on some repairs and have purchased Harvest Foods gas station. Joel stated he has asked Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam to apply for a credit card at the Yellow Pine gas station to use in case of emergency.

Council Member Jesse Garrett moved to award the 2014 fuel bid to Whitty's. Council Member Cris Haynes seconded the motion. Motion carried. Council Member Jeanie Thompson - yes, Council Member Bonnie Bradley - abstained, Council Member Jesse Garrett - yes, Council Member Cris Haynes - yes and Council Member Debbie Gaskin - yes.

Whitty's Chevron  
PO Box 391  
Colville WA 99114  
Tel 509 690 7079  
Fax 509 684 9966

Feb 04, 2014

City of Kettle Falls  
PO Box 266  
Kettle Falls, WA 99141

To whom it may concern

We would like to submit the bid for fuels supplied to your vehicles through our card lock system for the year 2014-15.

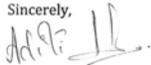
- Unleaded Gasoline \$ 2.551 per gallon  
Add: State Road Tax + \$ .375  
\$ 2.926 total per gallon

- Diesel Fuel \$ 3.381 total per gallon  
Add: State Road Tax + \$ .375  
\$ 3.756 total per gallon

This bid is not firm, as any increases and decreases in our buying prices will be passed on to the customer. We appreciate the past years business and of course, if there are any questions regarding this bid, please feel free to contact us. Looking forward to continued relations with City of Kettle Falls.

Thank you

Sincerely,



Aditi Sood  
President  
Whitty's Chevron.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

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

### ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Dorothy Slagle adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Approved:

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Dorothy Slagle, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Raena L. Hallam, Clerk/Treasurer