

KETTLE FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 18, 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 was absent and Debbie Gaskin.

STAFF/GUESTS

Staff - Joel Gassaway, Dave Keeley, John Ridlington, Charlie Schuerman and Mary Schultz.

Guests - Dale M. Drake, Dwight Morgan, Thaynan Knowlton, Greg Goodnight, Larry Kulesza, Tom Graham, Brenda Linton, Sophia Aldous and Joe Kerns.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MAIL RECEIVED

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

ROAD RESTRICTIONS

Dale M. Drake, 285 N. Horseshoe Drive, stated he is concerned about the city allowing heavy trucks, semi-trucks, logging trucks and chip trucks on the city streets. He has noticed a lot of damage being done to the streets. He thinks the money being used to repair the streets is better used in other areas. For example to support the pool. He knows the City of Chewelah has a good ordinance that works for them and he would like to see folks consider checking into that and decide what we want to do about the damaged streets. The county realizes that the oversized trucks are doing damage to the roads.

Council Member Jeanie Thompson asked Mr. Drake if he had a copy of the City of Chewelah ordinance.

Mr. Drake stated he did not have a copy of the City of Chewelah ordinance.

Council Member Jeanie Thompson asked Mr. Drake if there was a specific road that he was referring to.

Mr. Drake stated he thinks oversized loads should be banned from the entire town.

Council Member Jeanie Thompson stated she didn't know if that was why Evergreen was so tore up.

Mr. Drake explained one night he walked Evergreen Drive and saw a semi-truck parked on the south end of Oak Street. During Mr. Drake's walk he noticed the street was tore up. He feels the road is in bad condition.

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway stated the City does have road restrictions. The restrictions go up when the county puts theirs up. Although, we do not have an ordinance of our own.

Mayor Dorothy Slagle asked if during a restricted time what does the county do to deal with the issue.

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway stated they could get a ticket. Not sure what other option we have. I know that the State Weigh Master was in town on one occasion pulling people over for being overweight, but the town doesn't have its own ordinance.

CITY LEASH LAW

Larry Kulesza, 530 Juniper, stated his first concern is to do with the leash law and people not picking up after their dogs at Happy Dell Park. Mr. Kulesza and his wife walk their dogs twice a day through Happy Dell Park for the last two years. He states people drop their dogs off at Happy Dell Park to let their dogs do their business and don't pick the droppings up afterwards. Mr. Kulesza has not seen a sign throughout Happy Dell Park reinforcing the leash law or a sign asking people to pick up their dog droppings. During a time that Mr. Kulesza was walking their dogs through Happy Dell Park another person's dog was not on a leash came over to Mr. Kulesza dogs and started a fight. He wasn't concerned that his dogs could take care of themselves during a fight, but he doesn't feel he should have had to be in that position, when he had his dogs on a leash. He feels because the City doesn't enforce the leash law people let their dogs run throughout the town. With a leash they don't seem to make too much trouble, but when one person lets their dog out without a

leash, then more people think it is okay. Mr. Kulesza didn't pay attention to the dog issue, in Kettle Falls until he got involved with the Colville Valley Animal Sanctuary and has two long term foster dogs. He sees people walking through town with unleashed dogs all the time. Mr. Kulesza feels he either shouldn't pay attention to this issue or it's a potential problem. He just thought he should bring it to City Councils attention.

HAPPY DELL PARK STAGE

Mr. Kulesza is also having problems with the purposed Kettle Falls stage. One issue is primarily heavy weight trucks driving over the baseball field and making ruts. He feels no one will do anything about fixing the ruts. No driving area was established prior to the plan. In the main entrance there is a sign stating no motor vehicles allowed and instead of putting the logs inside of the caution tape they dropped them on the outside taking more of the park space. Mr. Kulesza has asked Mr. Keeley and also has looked on line for plans regards to the Kettle Falls stage. He would like to know what are we doing and why we are doing it. Mr. Kulesza at one time brought up a dog run at Happy Dell Park, but he never heard anything back. The marked off area is an imposition for the amount of area being taped off. He feels that the City is repurposing the park and needs to make some other allowances for other uses for the park and not to ruin the old purposes. Mr. Kulesza is also upset about the City burning the bark in the park, when he can't burn leaves in town. It has all of the appearance as a good old boys project and that's what bothers him the most. There are procedures, like the leash law and we either follow them or just eliminate them from the law book, then do whatever we want.

Mayor Dorothy Slagle stated volunteer Dave Presley is in charge of the stage project.

Mr. Kulesza has a history with Dave Presley and is not able to deal with Dave Presley. He would also like to know what level of expertise, because without seeing a plan he's not sure what is going on.

Mayor Dorothy Slagle stated a sound stage is being built at Happy Dell Park and it is to be used with a broader sense of use. It is just being created for a variety of things. Mayor Slagle does not recall Mr. Kulesza wanting a dog walk and doesn't recall ever seeing a plan for a dog walk.

Mr. Kulesza talked with Dave Kelley regarding an area specifically picked out and chain link fence ready to be donated. Mr. Kulesza stated he had a proposal and that Mayor Slagle told him that potential other people have brought this matter up and we will bring it up at the Planning Commission Meeting. At the time Doll Linton was on the Planning Commission and she probably would remember that. Although, it never got any further than that. If someone would have said this is what you need to do is to put a piece of paper together and submit it to the City, then he would have. Mr. Kulesza would like to see plans and its potential new use for the park. It should have been discussed before the project started.

Mayor Dorothy Slagle stated the stage has been discussed for the last year. Both regards to the stage being built and the plans being made for the stage.

Mr. Kulesza asked if there are any written plans. Are there any road access permits, because once you put in a stage people will be driving to the stage and setting up on egress. How will the City develop a road or will the City put in the geogrid that is at the Colville Stage, so people can drive over the field without rutting the field. Mr. Kulesza is not trying to stop, alter, or destroy, but trying to see that all of the uses for which the park was intended to be used for and donated to the City. There is a big investment in the ball fields and right know it's pretended that those don't even exist. He feels if he talks to Dave Presley regarding the road access or the drawing plan of the stage he is betting he won't get one.

Mayor Dorothy Slagle stated Dave Presley wouldn't be involved in laying out road plans. Mayor Slagle asked City Superintendent Joel Gassaway about the access to Happy Dell. Mayor Slagle stated as of right now the logs are there temporally and the pile of logs won't be there forever. The logs are there to be de-barked, then utilized in the building of the stage in which time that pile of logs won't be there. Mayor Dorothy Slagle knows they have had discussion on entryways into the park one of which is by the recycling bins or around that area.

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway stated there is another entryway point, but you still will be crossing the ball field.

City Planner Dave Keeley stated the stage is being drawn by an architect and the plans are not done. The goal was to have the

logs all peeled last winter before the snow came and we had about eighteen logs left to do when the freeze came. So they are trying to peel those quickly and a person in town had donated about five or six cedar logs earlier this last week. The logs could be incorporated in the stage and part of the design, so the City accepted those logs, but the City had to get them over there to get them peeled with the other ones. Once the logs are peeled they have to sit for a year before they can be used for any type of construction.

Mr. Kulesza stated those are the kind of plans he would like to see. How that's going to be, where that's going to be, blocking off that whole section of the park for a forty foot deck of logs seem exceeding excessive.

City Planner David Keeley stated the City put up the caution tape to keep people out for their safety. The City doesn't want to see the kids climbing on the log deck and falling down getting hurt.

Mr. Kulesza the tape has not kept him out, so how will it keep a kid out.

Mayor Dorothy Slagle told Mr. Kulesza shame on you, shame on you Larry for going through the caution tape.

Mr. Kulesza explained he figured it is the same thing. It's selected procedure. He would like to see the plot line and the road access.

Mayor Dorothy Slagle stated its all well and good Larry, however a year ago when this started you didn't put your name on the list for the handouts or the information or come to an occasional meetings.

Mr. Kulesza stated he was out of town. When he saw the logs, he went to the website to research. He didn't see anything, so every month after that he has went to the website for any update and there are no updates. When Mr. Kulesza started to see rutting of the field that is when he got concerned. He still thinks there should be a plot plan for access and those things are part of the package. With his experience you can't submit a plan without a plot plan.

Mayor Dorothy Slagle thanked Mr. Kulesza.

City Council Member Jeanie Thompson asked if it was true that the City burned the bark.

Mayor Dorothy Slagle stated that she didn't know.

City Planner David Keeley stated yes, they did burn the bark.

Mayor Dorothy Slagle asked if it was preplanned or an okayed with the fire department.

City Planner David Keeley stated it was snowing, cold, wet and raining. Everyone was shivering. We had a big pile of bark, so they put it in a pile and set it on fire. When people took a break they stood by the fire to keep warm.

Mayor Dorothy Slagle stated so there you have it.

City Council Member Jeanie Thompson asked is there something in the works for a site plan.

City Planner David Keeley stated he can draw something up on a piece of paper. The corners are marked and stacked on site where they're going, but he can put it on paper and download it on the website.

City Council Member Jeanie Thompson stated she is also concerned about the ball field as well.

City Planner David Keeley stated everything is outside the area of the ball field. It's beyond the ball field. They wanted them to go along the fence line.

City Council Member Bonnie Bradley asked City Planner David Keeley if all the logs have been delivered.

City Planner David Keeley stated yes. All of the logs have been delivered.

CONSENT AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR MARCH 4, 2014

Council Member Jesse Garrett made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda. Council Member Bonnie Bradley seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member Jeanie Thompson - yes,

Council Member Bonnie Bradley - yes, Council Member Jesse Garrett - yes and Council Member Debbie Gaskin - yes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Council Member Debbie Gaskin stated there was a fire meeting last night. The fire department got 5 inch hoses on all fire trucks and some training classes are scheduled.

Council Member Jesse Garrett added there are two training classes and one will be held locally.

STAFF REPORTS

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief John Ridlington reported no fires in the City, but has had a call for a lift assist on 8th. Not sure at the exact address. Had mutual aid call across the river to assist Fire District #8 for a ceiling fire in a double wide trailer. Also had a little old lady slip in front of the Little Gallea, helped her and called the ambulance.

PUBLIC WORKS

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway reported we have a problem with Well #2 again. The Well #2 actually went out about a month ago. We were operating under the assumption that the electrical panel was the problem, but actually it was the motor of the pump. The motor is under warranty. We do know there is a motor available at the factory. They are coming up Thursday to pull the pump to see what the problem is, and move on from there, fortunately we are not hurting for water right now, but that particular Well has been pretty costly. The problem could be the motor or a wire.

NEW BUSINESS

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

City Planner David Keeley stated the volunteer program came up at the last Council meeting, because of needing to clear out the space behind Woodhaven Apartments.

City Planner David Keeley distributed a hand out with five or six different levels of volunteers. Each one can be treated differently. It talks about the possible exposures, recommended controls, supervising and having them sign a statement.

City Council Member Jeanie Thompson asked considering the groups in the handout, which one does the group fall in.

City Planner David Keeley gave an example referencing #4 on the hand out (various organizations, i.e., Boy Scouts, Brownies, Girl Scouts, community organization).

Mayor Dorothy Slagle asked in general does the City have a form for volunteers to sign.

City Planner David Keeley informed everyone that the City doesn't have a form for volunteers to sign, but we called the City's insurance company regarding liability purposes. The insurance company said any time a volunteer volunteers for the City and the City is aware of what they are doing, the volunteer would be covered under the City's policy.

OLD BUSINESS

KETTLE FALLS SWIMMING POOL

Mayor Dorothy Slagle stated on behalf of the swimming pool she is going to turn the discussion over to City Attorney Charlie Schuerman, but what we were talking about at the last City Council Meeting was the forming of a Parks and Recreation District. The pool committee had given us a presentation, but we all had a lot of other questions that we were concerned with.

City Attorney Charlie Schuerman read the first three pages of memorandum that he prepared for City Council and gave direction for the remaining packet. (Packet on file)

Greg Goodnight, 34155 HWY 20 E., very much appreciates what Mr. Schuerman put together. It's nice to see many things in his suggestions. Would like to say that it is the first step in achieving Mr. Knowlton's purpose. Although, Mr. Goodnight is concerned about the time line, because there is so much work to be done.

Mayor Dorothy Slagle stated City Council Member Jeanie and Cris Hayne needs to research the suggestions, then bring the information back to City Council. The Mayor thinks that Greg Goodnight made a good point and if we are going to move through this we'll have to continue to do research.

City Council Jeanie Thompson - stated one of the requirements for the petition is fifteen percent of the voters. Council Member Jeanie Thompson thinks it would be wise to find out if we can get the fifteen percent of the voters, so all the time and effort put into researching wouldn't be a waste.

Mayor Dorothy Slagle asked how City Council Jeanie Thompson suggests we get the fifteen percent.

City Council Jeanie Thompson purposed the committee came up with a petition.

City Council Bonnie Bradley asked if the petition would also mention the taxes going up.

City Council Jeanie Thompson stated it would have all of the tax information in the petition.

Mayor Dorothy Slagle stated if no one disagrees she has no problem with trying to find out if we have support.

Larry Kulesza asked if the district has to be defined before you can determine the fifteen percent of the voters.

City Attorney Charlie Schuerman stated the district tends to be geographically around the fire district.

Greg Goodnight stated it was an either or stipulation, either the fire district or Meyers one, Meyers two or Kalmia one, Kalmia two, but there are problems with both. The problem with the voting district is that the county doesn't have assessed value you would have to pay to get that study done. The problem with the fire station is that the boundaries stops short of Marcus. Mr. Goodnight hesitates to go out and get the petition signed by the fifteen percent of the voters and deliver it, if the City doesn't want to do this. He would rather get it approved first.

Mayor Dorothy Slagle stated the process should get started to see if the people want it. As far as city support that would depend on if the people want it.

City Council Jeanie Thompson asked so what you're saying is if we get the fifteen percent on the petition, then the City is going to say it's okay for us to do this.

City Attorney Charlie Schuerman said there has not been a vote. The Mayor can't say what the City Council can vote.

Mayor Dorothy Slagle stated the City Council needs to know what the people in and district want. Supposedly that is what this petition was for.

Greg Goodnight the petition will put it on the ballot. Whether which one comes first is up to the City Council Members comfort level. He would prefer going out and getting the signatures, but it put the City in a harder position to say no, then if you just say no now and it all goes away.

Mayor Dorothy Slagle said she doesn't hear anybody saying no.

City Council Jeanie Thompson stated for clarification how she is reading the memorandum that City Attorney Charlie Schuerman provided. First, you get the petition, then you get the City to make a resolution, then you take it to Stevens County and they put it on the ballot. These are just some of the steps to take.

Mayor Dorothy Slagle stated does that clarify things. I thought we were all on the same page and then we were not.

City Council Bonnie Bradley stated we can't agree on something we don't have the paper work on.

Greg Goodnight said he would be happy to get the petition when the City Council is comfortable for him to do so. If it is now that is wonderful.

Mayor Dorothy Slagle asked City Council Member Jeanie Thompson if she is referring to the petition. The fifteen percent.

City Council Jeanie Thompson read a portion of the memorandum regarding the petition. It states that the petition supported by resolution from fifteen percent of registered voters.

City Council Bonnie Bradley stated we can't vote on anything if there is nothing to vote on. You need to get the petition to us so we can vote.

Mayor Dorothy Slagle said it is a little bit of a conundrum for City Council to give the Parks and Recreation an okay when there has been no discussion with the public. I guess we are looking for direction from City Attorney Charlie Schuerman.

City Attorney Charlie Schuerman explained the terms of a resolution and its specific purpose of figures. City Attorney Charlie Schuerman went back to the memorandum hand out for percentages and recommendations for the committee group to help

them understand what they need to present to City Council.
(Packet on file)

Greg Goodnight the question he is trying to avoid is not procedural it is political. The question is if we go out and get signatures, then it still doesn't happen people will ask why. It is okay to say we didn't get enough signatures, but it would be politically hard to say we got the signatures and the City Council said no.

Mayor Dorothy Slagle you're asking the Council to make a yes or no vote prematurely.

City Council Bonnie Bradley agrees Greg Goodnight is asking the City Council to vote yes or no prematurely. She also thinks that Mr. Goodnight doesn't want to go out and get the signatures and come back to City Council with an answer of no.

Brenda Linton, 1445 Narcissus, explained what Mr. Goodnight is saying that it is politically bad for you guys our City Council Member.

City Council Bonnie Bradley stated the City Attorney just explained that you guys have to get together with your little group and figure out the paper work to present to City Council. We can't vote on anything unless, we have something to vote on.

Mr. Goodnight asked if we can present the paper work before getting the signatures.

City Attorney Charlie Schuerman said yes.

Mayor Dorothy Slagle stated that was the plan to start with. The committee would get together and have something put together to propose to City Council.

Mr. Goodnight will be working to have a resolution by next City Council with the details.

City Attorney Charlie Schuerman stated City Council could decide on the resolution. City Attorney Charlie Schuerman gave an example of a resolution to the Parks and Recreation committee, but encouraged them to put the numbers/figures in the paper work.

City Council Jesse Garrett stated the idea of having the Parks and Recreation is not distasteful to him, but he would need to see all of the figures.

Mr. Drake asked what kind of an expense is the pool per year.

Mayor Dorothy Slagle gave an estimate of between \$43,000.00 - \$50,000.00 dollars a year. That's based off of how the City has been keeping it open, which includes life guard training, certification and swimming lessons.

MISSION RIDGE WATER

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway stated the utility committee had a meeting with the representative from the mission ridge water Public Utility District last Wednesday. City Superintendent Joel Gassaway prepared a report and provided in the packets. It started out by giving a little history of what they are facing. Their water source is tainted with arsenic and the packet goes over some of the steps they are trying to take with finding new sources. Right now they have thirty-nine customers on their system, they would like to build that up to fifty single family residence over time. Their current water bill is fifty-seven dollars a month, obviously whatever solution they come up with those people will be paying more. We talked about what we know so far with the research that they have done and they know that wholesale water exists. What they have been told by the Department of Health is that it would require an amendment to our water system plan theirs as well. With our plan there would have to have some engineering, also following that is the comp plan would have to be amended on what we are doing. Growth Management issues not sure, still have some research with that. The ordinance would also have to be changed to define another category customer, they would be a wholesale customer. The committee talked about rates and the needs of the City.
(Packet of file)

Dwight Morgan, Stevens County PUD, doesn't understand the hook-up fees, when everything is already hooked-up. We would take your water through a meter to our water lines.

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway stated the hook-up fee is to buy into the system. It's mainly for the people that are on the system. The number is in the ordinance.

Mayor Dorothy Slagle asked if the PUD will take care of the hook-ups. We are to sell the water to the PUD period. Why are we charging each trailer?

City Superintended Joel Gassaway the monthly charges should be based on the number of hook-ups.

City Council Member Jeanie Thompson would like some clarification on the hook-up fees. If someone outside of the city limits gets a hook-up they would be paying for the hook-up plus a monthly charge.

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway answered yes. The hook-up is to buy into the system.

Mayor Dorothy Slagle said on the other hand we will be selling a quantity of water to a particular entity and what they do with that water beyond that point has nothing to do with us.

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway the City is approved by the State for a certain amount of hook-ups. They will count every hook-up as our hook-ups that we won't be able to sell. The City would have to follow the agreement that is agreed upon. The other thing is that you are aware we are trying to amend our comp plan in order to be able to serve water out of town. Joel would personally like to continue and finish that before we amend our water system plan.

City Council Member Jesse Garrett would like to know what time frame the PUD is looking at.

Mr. Morgan stated he doesn't really have a time frame.

PUBLIC COMMENT

As there were no public comments, City Council moved on to adjournment.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Dorothy Slagle adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Approved:

Dorothy Slagle, Mayor

Attest:

Mary Schultz, Secretary/Clerk