

KETTLE FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 15, 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, Cris Haynes, Jesse Garrett and Debbie Gaskin. Bonnie Bradley was absent.

STAFF/GUESTS

Staff - Joel Gassaway, Dave Keeley, John Ridlington, Mark Coon, Raena Hallam and Charlie Schuerman.

Guests - Joe Kerns, Valarie Hall, Lisa Rosen, Greg Goodnight, Yvonne Lawrence, Brenda Linton, Anthony Pinkham, Larry Kulesza, Tom Graham and Ray Smith.

Council Member Jesse Garrett moved to excuse Council Member Bonnie Bradley from the City Council meeting for illness. Council Member Debbie Gaskin seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member Jeanie Thompson - yes, Council Member Cris Haynes - yes, Council Member Jesse Garrett - yes and Council Member Debbie Gaskin - yes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MAIL RECEIVED

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

KETTLE FALLS POLICE DOG DEMONSTRATION

Police Officer Mark Coon introduced Duke to the Mayor and City Council. Duke is 20 months old and is a lab, german shepard mix. Duke is considered a green dog and has received over 280 hours of training. He is a passive alert dog and does not attack or bite. He simply sits when he detects any narcotics.

Officer Coon stated a woman assists small communities to receive a narcotic dog and also donates money for care of the canine. To date she has donated \$6800 in equipment to the Kettle Falls Police Department and has only asked for a picture of the dog in return.

CONSENT AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR APRIL 14, 2014

Council Member Jesse Garrett moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member Debbie Gaskin seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member Jeanie Thompson - yes, Council Member Cris Haynes - yes, Council Member Jesse Garrett - yes and Council Member Debbie Gaskin - yes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS CREW POSITION

Council Member Jesse Garrett reported the Utilities Committee participated in interviews for the Public Works Crew position. Jesse stated there were a couple very good candidates.

STAFF REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway reported all interviews have been completed and he is doing back ground checks for the Public Works Crew position.

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway stated Well #2 is still down, but is hoping to have the motor installed on Thursday.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief John Ridlington stated the department responded three or four fires outside of the city limits. One was a trash fire on Bear Mountain Way.

Fire Chief John Ridlington stated six volunteer fire fighters are taking Red Card training and advanced training in early May, 2014.

NEW BUSINESS

PLANNING COMMISSION - KF COMMUNITY CHURCH VARIANCE REQUEST

City Planner Dave Keeley stated the KF Community Church has requested a variance to enlarge their current building. The new building would be closer to the property line than the required 30 feet. The new building would also require 62 off street parking spaces.

City Planner Dave Keeley stated the Planning Commission has determined the setbacks should be 20 feet all around the building and also change the Kettle Falls Municipal Code.

City Planner Dave Keeley stated there was a lot of discussion about parking, including developing the City lot across the street. However, since the Planning Commission meeting he found if diagonal parking was allowed on Narcissus and behind the parsonage including the 15 proposed new spaces the church would meet the parking space requirement. Except it would be on street parking instead of off street parking.

Council Member Jesse Garrett moved to direct the Kettle Falls Planning Commission to proactively pursue on street parking opposed to off street parking. Council Member Cris Haynes seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member Jeanie Thompson - yes, Council Member Cris Haynes - yes, Council Member Jesse Garrett - yes and Council Member Debbie Gaskin - yes.

OLD BUSINESS

KETTLE FALLS SWIMMING POOL - PARKS & RECREATION DISTRICT

Council Member Jeanie Thompson briefly discussed the issues with the proposed resolution presented at the last City Council meeting. After discussion, it was determined the City needs to identify the minimum amount to be charged for rent and the actual cost of water.

PUBLIC WORKS MAINTENANCE SHOP COMPLETION - RELEASE RETAINAGE

City Planner Dave Keeley stated the maintenance shop was completed in December, 2013 by Bauman Brothers. There are a couple punch list items that need to be completed when the weather warms up such as crack sealing. Dave stated the taxes have been paid and all the appropriate paperwork has been received.

Council Member Debbie Gaskin moved to release retainage to Bauman Brothers in the amount of \$29,388.99. Council Member Jesse Garrett seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member Jeanie Thompson - yes, Council Member Cris Haynes - yes, Council Member Jesse Garrett - yes and Council Member Debbie Gaskin - yes.

MISSION RIDGE WATER

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway stated he provided estimated costs to Stevens County PUD for their review. Joel stated they have a lot of homework to do but seemed pretty happy with the estimations.

PUBLIC COMMENT

EVERGREEN DRIVE REPAIR

Valarie Hall asked when Evergreen Drive would be fixed. She stated there was some additional damage done to the street from trucks this week.

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway explained the City will replace the gravel and rebuild the road bed this year for sure. At a later date the City Council will revisit the budget and determine if there is enough money to pave the street in 2014 or if it will have to wait until 2015.

Fire Chief John Ridlington stated the street was never built correctly and stricter guidelines should have been in place when it was built.

SWIMMING POOL

Mr. Greg Goodnight asked if the City knew the actual gallons/cost for water to fill the pool. Mr. Goodnight also asked how much rent the City would be charging. Mr. Goodnight explained that having this information would speed up the process and if the City would meet with him the draft resolution could be completed and ready for passage.

After discussion, Mayor Slagle stated she would have staff research these items and schedule a meeting with Mr. Goodnight prior to the next City Council meeting. Hopefully this will speed up the process.

DOGS AT LARGE

Mr. Larry Kulesza asked the City Council if the City had a responsibility to enforce the dog ordinance in the City of Kettle Falls. Mr. Kulesza stated he called the police and was told they were too busy to deal with animal control.

Mayor Slagle asked Mr. Kulesza if he has talked with his neighbors to resolve the issue. Mr. Kulesza stated he hasn't and does not feel it is his responsibility to talk with his neighbor.

Mayor Slagle stated she will put something about dogs at large in the next City newsletter.

Mr. Kulesza stated if the City isn't going to enforce its ordinances, then they should get rid of the ordinances. If a dog is running loose, then give the owner a citation.

HAPPY DELL PARK STAGE

Mr. Larry Kulesza asked if the City is exempt from having a plot plan and meeting building code requirements.

City Planner Dave Keeley stated the logs are on site being peeled, and there will be a plot plan before any construction begins.

MR. Kulesza stated he objects to the park being used for a log deck, and feels there is a better place to keep the logs while being peeled.

JOURNMENT

Mayor Dorothy Slagle adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Approved:

Dorothy Slagle, Mayor

Attest: _____
Raena L. Hallam, Clerk/Treasurer