

KETTLE FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 17, 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, Jeannie Thompson, Bonnie Bradley, Jesse Garrett, Cris Haynes, and Debbie Gaskin.

STAFF/GUESTS

Staff - Joel Gassaway, David Keeley, Charlie Schuerman and Mary Schultz.

Guests - Bob Haynes

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MAIL RECEIVED

Mayor Dorothy Slagle excused Fire Chief John Ridlington on his absence and announced there was a pole fire at the Catholic Church.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

CONSENT AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES FOR MAY 15TH AND 20TH, 2014 AND MAY VOUCHERS & PAYROLL

Council Member Jesse Garrett made a motion to approve The Consent Agenda. Council Member Cris Haynes seconded the motion. Motion carried. Council Member Jeannie Thompson - abstain, Council Member Bonnie Bradley -yes, Council Member Jesse Garrett - yes, Council Member Cris Haynes - yes, and Council Member Debbie Gaskin - yes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

City Council Member Debbie Gaskin stated there was a fire meeting last night. All hose tests are finished and they will be starting wild fire training.

Both City Council Members Debbie Gaskin and Cris Haynes received the annual report to review from the Finance Committee Meeting.

City Council Member Bonnie Bradley stated the Planning Commission Members watched the Open Meeting Act Training video at the June 9, 2014 meeting.

City Council Member Jeanie Thompson stated the pool committee has about half of the signatures for the ballets.

STAFF REPORTS

CITY PLANNER

City Planner David Keeley stated the Library expansion grant was submitted this week and we should know in about two months how that grant will go. Dave is also working on another grant through USDA for kitchen equipment.

PUBLIC WORKS

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway stated there is a new Summer Supervisor (Wesley McPhearson) and a new Seasonal Grounds keeper (Damian McClain).

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway stated they will be starting some road repairs on Morley Rd. and Evergreen Drive. They're ready to start on Morley Rd. but waiting for gravel. City Planner David Keeley found out from the State Transportation Improvement Board that we can request funds from them even though the road is not one of the roads they cover. Joel Gassaway still has to ask Stevens County if they would help fund Evergreen Drive.

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway stated the septage receiving station at the treatment plant is getting close to accepting septage.

City Council Member Bonnie Bradley ask City Superintendent about the hook-ups with Mission Ridge.

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway stated it is still in the process and Stevens County PUD is putting a funding package together. Stevens County PUD will then come back to City Council. Stevens County PUD has spoken with Mr. Mike Matney, who owns the property between them and the city.

City Council Jeanie Thompson stated at Town and Country Days she saw a white pick-up truck drove over the meter box over at the park. She wanted to know if the wooden boxes are going to be replaced with something stronger.

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway explained they have plastic ones but it wouldn't hold up either. They have looked into concrete ones but those are expensive. Joel stated the ones that are around drive ways or traffic areas have steel covers or posts around them. Joel Gassaway mentioned that by ordinance all the meter boxes are the property owner's responsibility.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Dorothy Slagle introduced Connie Larue RN, candidate for Stevens County Coroner.

Connie LaRue, Kettle Falls, WA, introduced herself and explained that three other people are running for Stevens County Coroner.

The reasons why she is the most qualified for this position is:

- Started medical training in 1966.
- By 1970 she was a Registered Nurse.
- Went back to college for pre-med schooling and took anesthesia residence classes while working as a Registered Nurse.
- Practiced anesthesia for twenty years as a CRNA.
- Owned and operated a Nation Wide anesthesia business for eighteen years.
- Went back to college in 2000 and became a paralegal.
- Has been a paralegal for fourteen years.

Connie LaRue explained a coroners duties requires them to know the body inside and out, but there is some legal work as well.

Connie LaRue stated she has never worked for the Government. She thinks at this time there should be new people working for the Government, because things need to

change. She stands for the bill of rights, the constitution and bringing God back into this country. She passed a card around with her information on it. (Copy on file)

RESOLUTION NO. 14-03- A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INVESTMENT OF CITY OF KETTLE FALLS MONIES IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT POOL

Council Member Debbie Gaskin made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 14-03. Council Member Bonnie Bradley seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member Jeannie Thompson - yes, Council Member Bonnie Bradley - yes, Council Member Jesse Garrett - yes, Council Member Cris Haynes - yes, and Council Member Debbie Gaskin - yes.

City Council Member Jesse Garrett wanted to clarify if Raena L. Hallam, City Clerk/Treasure will be able to make transactions without City Council approval and if City Council can resend that at any time.

City Attorney Charlie Schuerman answered yes.

JUNK YARDS AND VEHICLES

City Council Member Bonnie Bradley stated we passed a new ordinance last year but have not enforced the issue. Customers at Harvest Foods are coming up to Bonnie at work complaining about the junk and garbage around the city. She feels that it has been an issue for her as well.

Mayor Dorothy Slagle asked City Planner David Keeley if there is a committee within the planning commission.

City Planner David Keeley stated that last year they made a list of thirty properties that they agreed didn't look good. When going back to the ordinance, we had to categorize it under a health and safety issue. So only four out of thirty property owners received a letter and all four responded.

City Planner David Keeley stated he has not even addressed the vehicle issue. City Planner David Keeley stated after reading the ordinance in regards to vehicles, this should be enforced by the police department.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NO. 1732 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING A PORTION OF KETTLE FALLS MUNICIPAL CODE 17.02.063 - DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

Council Member Debbie Gaskin made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1732 by title only. Council Member Cris Haynes seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member Jeannie Thompson - yes, Council Member Bonnie Bradley -yes, Council Member Jesse Garrett - yes, Council Member Cris Haynes - yes, and Council Member Debbie Gaskin - yes.

Council Member Jessie Garrett made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1732. Council Member Debbie Gaskin seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member Jeannie Thompson - yes, Council Member Bonnie Bradley -yes, Council Member Jesse Garrett - yes, Council Member Cris Haynes - yes, and Council Member Debbie Gaskin - yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

TOWN & COUNTRY DAYS

Mayor Dorothy Slagle stated Town & Country Days was one of the best we have had. The committee did a great job, although Dorothy was disappointed in our skate park. The ground at the skate park was covered with garbage. Mayor Dorothy Slagle stated a group of kids informed her that they would clean it up. Mayor Dorothy Slagle told them she would be counting on them and if it was not cleaned up she would put a lid on the skate park.

Mayor Dorothy Slagle stated there was an incident at the beer garden Friday night at Town & Country Days. There was a lady with a service dog who was denied entrance into the beer garden. The Police Chief reported she appeared intoxicated.

Mayor Dorothy Slagle stated the lady has contacted Karri Slater of the Town & Country Days Committee & the City demanding a public apology or she will file a lawsuit for not complying with ADA Regulations.

BILL OF RIGHTS DAY

Mayor Dorothy Slagle asked City Council to consider specifying a date for the Resolution Declaring Bill of Rights Day. This would be an annual event.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Dorothy Slagle adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

Approved:

Dorothy Slagle, Mayor

Attest:

Mary Schultz, Secretary/Clerk

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