

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

**STAFF/GUESTS**

Staff - Joel Gassaway, John Ridlington and Raena Hallam.

Guests - Lu Haynes, Lola Gumm and Glen Thompson.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MAIL RECEIVED**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES FOR MAY 6<sup>TH</sup>, REVISED MINUTES FOR MAY 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2014, JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup> AND JUNE VOUCHERS & PAYROLL**

Council Member Bonnie Bradley made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member Cris Haynes seconded the motion. Motion carried. 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.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**PARKS & RECREATION**

Mayor Slagle stated volunteers are beginning to organize for the Festival of Neighbors. The date is set for September 13, 2014.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Council Member Debbie Gaskin reported the Finance Committee has been reviewing the 2013 Annual Report. Debbie also stated the Washington State Auditors are performing their audit and she attended the Entrance Exam last week.

#### **POOL COMMITTEE**

City Council Member Jeanie Thompson reported the Pool Committee is continuing to move forward gathering signatures. Jeanie clarified with Mayor Slagle that they have until August to collect signatures.

#### **STAFF REPORTS**

##### **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Fire Chief John Ridlington reported there were no fires within the City limits, but several outside of the City limits. John further stated the department sent two trucks and five firefighters sent to the Long Lake Fire near Ford, WA.

##### **FINANCE**

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam reported the Washington State Auditors have started the federal audit for 2013. So far the issues are the purchasing of the lab equipment and the truck for the wastewater treatment plant without going through the bid process.

##### **PUBLIC WORKS**

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway reported the stream gauge below the falls is usually paid by the City, but USGS contacted Joel and stated they will start paying for the stream gauge.

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway stated Well #2 pump is not under warranty. The company determined the cause of failure was a power surge or a lightning strike which is not covered. Replacement of the pump cost the City about \$52,000.

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway stated the water table is lower than it has been in years. Joel stated one of the pumps was lowered to stop it from pumping air into the lines. Joel stated the water table is not an emergency at this point, but he will be monitoring it closely.

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway stated the new septage receiving pumps have been installed and are operating. Joel

stated Wastewater Operators Paul Jacobs and RJ Plaster did most of the work saving the City about 75% in costs.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**DRAFT WATER ORDINANCE**

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway explained he is working on drafting changes to the water ordinance. Changing the Comprehensive plan will be fairly simple and the actual water ordinance needs the most updating and changes.

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway stated he is ready to meet with the Utilities Committee to begin review of the proposed changes.

Council Member Jeanie Thompson asked if the changes to the ordinance would include providing water to Mission Ridge. City Superintendent Joel Gassaway stated not really, he would like to update the water ordinance first and then address the Mission Ridge issue.

Mayor Slagle stated discussions regarding the water ordinance have also included discussion regarding annexation. Mayor Slagle would like to require annexation as soon as it becomes possible. Mayor Slagle asked for help in finding ways to encourage annexation.

Council Member Cris Haynes stated some residents will not welcome annexation, especially if they are required to do so.

Council Member Jesse Garrett explained the existing out of town water customers would not be forced to annex. New customers would be the ones that would be required to annex when it becomes possible. Council Member Jesse Garrett stated he feels people utilizing city services should be billed accordingly. Example would be water services, police protection, etc.

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway stated the changes to the water ordinance will not be so much about rates, except for the hookup fees.

Mr. Glen Thompson stated all the City wants is to get more money. Mr. Thomson stated the City residents should be provided for first, then address additional services.

Council Member Jesse Garrett stated his concern is not making more money, but making sure the City does not lose any money.

Council Member Cris Haynes stated she does not want citizens paying for something that is not necessary. Cris stated she doesn't want the City to lose money either, but also doesn't want the rates so high it is penalizing the residents.

**AWC LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE**

Council Member Jeanie Thompson stated she attended the AWC Legislative Conference and received information City Council may wish to consider. Jeanie distributed information regarding the AWC Well City program which can save 2% on insurance premiums. Jeanie further explained there is a program to assist cities in placing documents online for public access.

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam stated the City participated in the Well City Program about ten years ago, but the participants were badgered by AWC at home regarding their progress on the program. All of the employees decided to opt out of the program. Raena stated maybe the program has changed in the last ten years.

**OLD BUSINESS**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Dorothy Slagle adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Approved:

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Dorothy Slagle, Mayor

Attest:

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Raena Hallam, Clerk/Treasurer