

KETTLE FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 5, 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, and Debbie Gaskin. Cris Haynes was absent.

Council Member Debbie Gaskin moved to excuse Council Member Cris Haynes from the meeting. Council Member Jeanie Thompson 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.

STAFF/GUESTS

Staff - Charlie Schuerman, Joel Gassaway, John Ridlington and Raena Hallam.

Guests - Lu Haynes, Ray Smith, Dina Keller 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 JULY 15, 2014 AND JULY VOUCHERS & PAYROLL

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PARKS & RECREATION

Mayor Slagle stated she met with City Planner Dave Keeley and volunteers for the Festival of Neighbors today. Dorothy stated things are rolling along.

PUBLIC WORKS - WATER ORDINANCE

Council Member Jesse Garrett stated the utilities Committee has met to discuss the proposed changes to the water ordinance.

POOL COMMITTEE

City Council Member Jeanie Thompson reported the petitions for a proposed Parks & Recreation District have been turned into the Stevens County Auditor for review.

STAFF REPORTS

FIRE DEPARTMENT - BURNING BAN

Fire Chief John Ridlington reported there were no fires within the City limits, but several outside of the City limits.

Fire Chief John Ridlington distributed a copy of the burn ban issued by the Stevens County Sheriff. John explained the burn ban specifically addresses unincorporated areas and asked if the City should adopt something stating the City will always follow the County burning rules. John further explained then when a burn ban is issued it will include the City of Kettle Falls. John stated he has always followed the County's lead, but it would be a good idea to have something official.

Council Member Jesse Garrett moved to adopt a policy directing the Fire Chief to follow the County Fire Marshall burning ban determinations. Council Member Debbie Gaskin 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.

PUBLIC WORKS

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway reported the flies at the wastewater treatment plant are miserable, in fact the

neighboring RV park is complaining. Joel stated he has purchased a product to hopefully treat the flies.

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway stated Stevens County has finished chip sealing and the cost will be about \$24,000 which is under budget.

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway stated he is watching the water levels very closely. It is very low, but not to the stage of cutting usage.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NO. 1733 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KETTLE FALLS, WASHINGTON AMENDING THE KETTLE FALLS MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 13.08 RELATING TO SEWER RATES

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway explained the City is now receiving septage from two haulers and would like to establish the rate to be charged per gallon. Joel stated City Council had authorized 12 cents per gallon on a temporary basis last spring and would like to keep the same rate.

Council Member Debbie Gaskin moved to introduce Ordinance No. 1733 by title only. Council Member Jesse Garrett 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.

OLD BUSINESS

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

PUBLIC RECORDS AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY

Mrs. Dina Keller stated she wanted to discuss accountability of the City. Mrs. Keller stated there are no City Council minutes on the City website after April, 2014. Mrs. Keller stated she has to continually call to have the website updated.

Mrs. Dina Keller expressed her concern of the wasteful spending by mailing her certified letters in response to her records request. Mrs. Keller stated she owns property in Kettle Falls, pays taxes and mailing certified letters instead of email is a waste of money in the age of electronic technology.

Mrs. Keller stated the public records laws created by the state were created for accountability so the public could examine public records to see what government is doing. The public records act was not made to reveal private information about an individual. Mrs. Keller stated her sons personal medical records were released in a public records request. Mrs. Keller explained this is the difference between right and wrong and the City should be held accountable. Mrs. Keller stated she is here to place this issue on record, so others will know what the City is up to.

Mr. Ray Smith asked Mrs. Keller if she has ever held a public office or ran for a public office. Mr. Smith stated there are certain things you can and cannot do in public office.

Mrs. Keller stated she has not held a public office but the City can't release an individual's medical records or allow a police chief to charge people for false crimes.

Mr. Smith and Mrs. Keller briefly exchanged dialogue in the audience Mayor Slagle moved the meeting on to Adjournment.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Dorothy Slagle adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

Approved:

Dorothy Slagle, Mayor

Attest:

Raena Hallam, Clerk/Treasurer