KETTLE FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 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

Jeanie Thompson, Bonnie Bradley, Dorothy Slagle, Jesse Garrett, Cris Haynes and Debbie Gaskin.

STAFF/GUESTS

Staff - Charlie Schuerman, John Ridlington, Dave Keeley and Raena Hallam.

Guests - Tom Haggarty Sr., Tom Haggarty Jr., Bob Haynes, Lu Haynes and Glen Thompson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MAIL RECEIVED

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

PUBLIC HEARING - USDA COMMUNITY FACILITIES GRANT APPLICATION FOR KITCHEN EQUIPMENT FOR THE PROPOSED COMMUNITY CENTER

City Planner Dave Keeley stated the City as part of the Library Expansion Project has applied to USDA for a grant to purchase kitchen equipment. The grant would be for $23,500. The kitchen would include freezers, sinks and would be available for rent and/or provide cooking classes.

Council Member Cris Haynes stated USDA is building a Stevens County Food Hub in Colville. It is her understanding that any food sold to the public must be cooked at the food hub. Cris stated if that is the case, then putting a kitchen in the library would be a waste of money.

Mrs. Lu Haynes stated providing cooking classes would be a conflict with local businesses in the area. Mrs. Haynes asked how the City could follow the strict guidelines of food preparation.

Council Member Jeanie Thompson stated the Friends of the Library support the kitchen and would use it a lot for their fund raisers. Jeanie stated the Friends of the Library currently have to rent a kitchen for their pie fundraiser.

Mayor Slagle opened the Public Hearing to public comment at 7:10 p.m.

Mr. Bob Haynes stated the City should consider their liability if they allow children to use the kitchen.

Mayor Slagle closed the public hearing at 7:13 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING - REVIEW WATER, SEWER AND GARBAGE RATES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2015.

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam stated Stevens County is increasing their sanitation rates over the next three years. Raena stated her recommendation is to increase the garbage rate by $1.50 and decrease the sewer rate by $1.50. Raena stated the water rate does not need increased at this time.

Mayor Slagle opened the public hearing at 7:18 p.m. As there was no public comment presented, Mayor Slagle closed the public hearing at 7:19 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING - 2015 BUDGET AND 2014 BUDGET AMENDMENT

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam stated the 2015 budget is balanced at this time. However, the salary committee still needs to meet to discuss salaries. The 2014 Budget Amendment will be prepared for the next City Council meeting. No surprises are anticipated.

Mayor Slagle opened the public hearing at 7:26 p.m. As there was no public comment presented, Mayor Slagle closed the public hearing at 7:27 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 21, 2014.

Council Member Jesse Garrett made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member Cris Haynes seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member Jeanie 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

FIRE COMMITTEE

Council Member Debbie Gaskin stated she attended the Kettle Falls Fire Dept. meeting. Discussion included the Christmas tree lighting, firemen's banquet and chain of command.

RECREATIONAL DISTRICT

Council Member Jeanie Thompson stated a public hearing will be held in January, 2015 to discuss the formation of a Recreational (Pool) District.

STAFF REPORTS

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief John Ridlington reported there was a chimney fire on Lakeview Drive. No significant damage, but the chimney needs to be inspected and repaired.

LIBRARY EXPANSION PROJECT

City Planner Dave Keeley stated seven applications were received for architecture design. Interviews will be held in the near future.

HAPPY DELL PARK STAGE

City Planner Dave Keeley reported the logs for the stage were delivered to Happy Dell Park. The logs came from the Fish Hatchery and were delivered by Jim Bell.

NEW BUSINESS

E&H ENGINEERING - WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE MANUALS AND AS-BUILT DRAWINGS INVOICE

Mayor Slagle explained to City Council an invoice was submitted for payment that she was very reluctant to pay. Mayor Slagle stated she felt the invoice was already paid. All invoices were submitted to the DOE by December 31, 2013 except for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Operations & Maintenance Manuals and As-Built drawings. Mayor Slagle there was a verbal understanding that those items would be completed with a month and invoices for those items had already been submitted to DOE. Mayor Slagle stated the invoice was not received until July, 2014.

Tom Haggarty Sr. of E&H Engineering explained the Operations & Maintenance is usually not prepared until the plant has run for a period of time. This is in case something comes up it can be added or changed in the manual. The December 31, 2013 was the DOE deadline, but doesn't fit in this case since there was still work to do.

Tom Haggarty Jr. stated Esvelt Engineering completed the Operations & Maintenance Manual in June, 2014 which is required for the City to obtain a wastewater discharge permit.

The invoice is for $11,160.09 and the engineering budget is exhausted. E&H Engineering is present on behalf of Esvelt Engineering to request the invoice be paid, or budgeted in 2015 for payment.

After discussion, Council Member Jeanie Thompson moved to pay E&H Engineering $11,160.09 from the 2014 budget. 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, Council Member Cris Haynes - yes and Council Member Debbie Gaskin - yes.

ORDINANCE NO. 1738 - AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF KETTLE FALLS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015

City Council Member Jesse Garrett moved to introduce Ordinance No. 1738. 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, Council Member Cris Haynes - yes and Council Member Debbie Gaskin - yes.

ORDINANCE NO. 1728A - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING BUDGET ORDINANCE NO. 1728

Council Member Debbie Gaskin moved to introduce Ordinance No. 1728A. Council Member Cris Haynes seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member Jeanie Thompson - yes, Council Member Bonnie Bradley - yes, Council Member Jesse Garrett - yes, Council Member Cris Haynes - yes and Council Member Debbie Gaskin - yes.

OLD BUSINESS

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES TO RAISE REVENUE NECESSARY TO DEFRAY EXPENSES AND EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF KETTLE FALLS, WASHINGTON FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015.

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam explained to City Council the term *State Assessed Values* are values the State provides for utilities, railroads etc. These values are determined and provided by the State of Washington.

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam stated the 1% property tax increase does not mean all property within the City of Kettle Falls will increase by 1%. If the ordinance is not adopted, some properties may still increase if the assessed value increases.

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam stated the City can adopt the ordinance as is or adopt the ordinance stating the increase is zero. If the amount is zero then the money is *banked* and can be collected later by the City. If the City decides not to do anything and does not pass an ordinance then the City can never collect the money.

Council Member Jeanie Thompson stated she would like to do more research. Council Member Cris Haynes agreed.

Council Member Jesse Garrett moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1736. Council Member Debbie Gaskin seconded the motion. Motion carried. Council Member Jeanie Thompson - abstain, Council Member Bonnie Bradley - yes, Council Member Jesse Garrett - yes, Council Member Cris Haynes - no and Council Member Debbie Gaskin - yes.

ORDINANCE NO. 1737 - AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2015.

Council Member Debbie Gaskin moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1737. Council Member Bonnie Bradley seconded the motion. Motion carried. Council Member Jeanie Thompson - no, Council Member Bonnie Bradley - yes, Council Member Jesse Garrett - yes, Council Member Cris Haynes - no and Council Member Debbie Gaskin - yes.

ORDINANCE NO. 1735 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KETTLE FALLS, WASHINGTON REPEALING IN ITS ENTIRETY KETTLE FALLS MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 13.04 WATER SYSTEMS AND REPLACING IT WITH NEW CHAPTER 13.04 WATER SYSTEMS

Council Member Jesse Garrett moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1735. Council Member Bonnie Bradley seconded the motion. Motion carried. Council Member Jeanie Thompson - no, Council Member Bonnie Bradley - yes, Council Member Jesse Garrett - yes, Council Member Cris Haynes - no and Council Member Debbie Gaskin - yes.

Mr. Haynes expressed his concern over not receiving a copy of the ordinance. Mayor Slagle stated there were copies on the counter and he was welcome to come into City Hall to pick up a copy at his convenience.

PUBLIC COMMENT

BOAT RACES

Mr. Mike Swim stated he is trying to organize a jet boat race on the Columbia River from Kettle Falls to Northport. Mr. Keith Kendle is also helping with the project. The event will be

sanctioned by the American Powerboat Association and highly monitored. Mr. Swim requested a letter of support from the City of Kettle Falls to include with the application.

Mr. Swim stated every 4 years the world jet boat races are held in the United States. 2016 the world jet boat races will be in the United States and have the opportunity to be held here. The event would bring thousands of tourists and competitors.

Council Member Jesse Garrett moved to direct Mayor Slagle to write a letter of support. Council Member Cris Haynes seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member Jeanie Thompson - yes, Council Member Bonnie Bradley - yes, Council Member Jesse Garrett - yes, Council Member Cris Haynes - yes and Council Member Debbie Gaskin - yes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Dorothy Slagle adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

Approved:

Dorothy Slagle

Dorothy Slagle, Mayor

Attest: Raena L Hallam

Raena Hallam, Clerk/Treasurer