

KETTLE FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 21, 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 - Joel Gassaway, John Ridlington, Dave Keeley and Raena Hallam.

Guests - Lu Haynes, Suzi Fode and Glen Thompson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MAIL RECEIVED

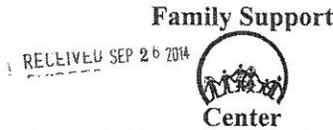
As there were no Announcements and Mail Received, City Council moved on to Public Comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES

Suzi Fode, Victim Services Division Director discussed with City Council the need for Family Support Services in the City of Kettle Falls. She provided statistical information regarding domestic violence, sexual assault and child sexual abuse.

Ms. Fode discussed the renewal of the 2015 contract between Rural Resources Family Support Services and the City of Kettle Falls. Suzi asked the City Council to strongly consider budgeting the requested \$3,000 in the 2015 budget.



August 25, 2014

Mayor Dorothy Slagle
City Council Members
P O Box 457
Kettle Falls, WA 99141

RE: 2015 Budget Request

Dear Mayor Slagle and City Council Members:

As you know from working with the Family Support Center since 1985, we make an annual request for contract renewal with the city of Kettle Falls. The amount requested for 2015 remains unchanged at \$3,000, an amount equating to approximately \$2.00 per resident.

A few statistics from 2013 illustrate the impact our agency has made:

732	Help Line (crisis) calls were answered
280	Adult victims of domestic violence and sexual assault were served
145	Child sexual abuse and child abuse cases

Our advocates work with all elements of the criminal justice system in order to help the most vulnerable among us. Our goal is to help every victim, every time. We offer hope and a new beginning to many local families, but we cannot do it alone. Community partnerships are vital, and your ongoing support is a significant acknowledgment that you believe in our mission.

We are grateful for having had the opportunity to work with the city for the past 29 years and hopeful that we can continue our relationship for many more. We would appreciate the chance to discuss this request with you at an upcoming City Council meeting. I can be reached at (509) 685-6095. Again, thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Suzi Fode".

Suzi Fode
Victim Services Division Director
Family Support Center

PUBLIC HEARING - PROPERTY TAXES

Clerk Treasurer Raena Hallam explained the hearing is required by law to consider increasing the property tax collected by the City by 1%. Raena explained that not all properties would increase, but some may and others may decrease. Raena distributed information from the Stevens County Assessor's Office on how property taxes are determined and their effect on properties.

Mayor Slagle opened the Public hearing for public comment at 7:13 p.m. As there was no public comment, Mayor Slagle closed the hearing at 7:14 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

As there was no Consent Agenda, City Council moved on to Committee Reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POOL COMMITTEE

Council Member Jeanie Thompson reported she had met with the Stevens County Commissioners. She stated the process for forming a Pool District is moving forward very slowly.

STAFF REPORTS

HAPPY DELL PARK STAGE

Mayor Slagle stated a musicfest is scheduled for November 29, 2014 to help raise funds for the Happy Dell Park Stage.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief John Ridlington reported truck 612 is still in Spokane being repaired, but they do think they have identified the problem.

Fire Chief John Ridlington also reported two new individuals have joined the fire department, Christy Hartman and Devon Thompson.

PUBLIC WORKS

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway stated Knife River completed the Evergreen project and he doesn't expect any cost overruns. Joel also stated they put in some dry wells to help with drainage.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 14-06 - A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A CREDIT CARD PROGRAM WITH KEY BANK.

Council Member Jesse Garrett made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 14-06. 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.

DANGEROUS BUILDINGS

City Attorney Charlie Schuerman discussed with City Council the option of having an ordinance allowing the City to place a lien

on a piece of property for the cost of removing a dangerous building. City Attorney Charlie Schuerman distributed a draft ordinance for City Council to review as homework.

SEWER HENDRICKSON'S LOT

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway stated Hendrickson's lot borders the Colville River. Water is a not a problem, but hooking up to sewer may be an issue. Joel stated the ordinance states if a property is hooked up to water it must also be hooked up to sewer. Joel suggested changing the draft ordinance to provide exceptions for properties. City Council encouraged Joel to change the language in the draft ordinance.

OLD BUSINESS

STEVENS COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN

City Planner Dave Keeley stated the City of Kettle Falls is the only city who hasn't signed off on the Stevens County Emergency Management Plan.

City Council Member Bonnie Bradley moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the Stevens County Emergency Management Plan. Council Member Jesse Garrett seconded the motion. Motion carried. Council Member Jeanie Thompson - yes, Council Member Bonnie Bradley - yes, Council Member Jesse Garrett - yes, Council Member Cris Haynes - no and Council Member Debbie Gaskin - yes.

Council Member Jesse Garrett commented there are errors with the definitions of Districts 6 & 8. Council Member Jeanie Thompson agreed and stated she would call Rick Anderson.

PUBLIC COMMENT

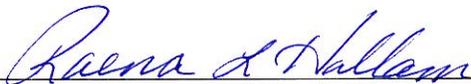
As there was no Public Comment, City Council moved on to Adjournment.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Dorothy Slagle adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Approved:


Dorothy Slagle, Mayor

Attest: 
Raena Hallam, Clerk/Treasurer