

**KETTLE FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MAY 5, 2015**

**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 and Debbie Gaskin. Cris Haynes unexcused absence.

Council Member Debbie Gaskin moved to excuse Jesse Garret from the Council meeting. Council Member Jeanie Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member Jeanie Thompson - yes, Council Member Bonnie Bradley - yes and Council Member Debbie Gaskin - yes.

**STAFF**

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

**GUESTS**

Guests - Ted Pancoast.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MAIL RECEIVED**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**UTILITY BILL - TED PANCOAST**

Mr. Pancoast explained to City Council he has a \$700 water bill due to a leak over the winter. Mr. Pancoast stated the City doesn't read meters during the winter and he didn't realize he had a leak. Mr. Pancoast stated he feels the City has some responsibility to notify a property owner of any leaks even when the City doesn't read meters in the winter. Mr. Pancoast stated he fixed the leak immediately after being notified.

Mr. Pancoast asked the City Council to share the cost of his water bill.

Council Member Bonnie Bradley moved to decrease Mr. Pancoast's water bill by \$600. Council Member Debbie Gaskin seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member Jeanie Thompson - yes, Council Member Bonnie Bradley - yes and Council Member Debbie Gaskin - yes.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **CITY COUNCIL APRIL VOUCHERS & PAYROLL.**

Council Member Bonnie Bradley moved to adopt the Consent Agenda. Council Member Debbie Gaskin seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member Jeanie Thompson - yes, Council Member Bonnie Bradley - yes and Council Member Debbie Gaskin - yes.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **PARKS & RECREATION DISTRICT**

Council Member Jeanie Thompson reported the Stevens County Commissioners adjusted the boundaries of the proposed Park & Recreation District. Now the district would only include residents inside the City limits. This will raise the tax amount to 21% and require all new petitions.

### **STAFF REPORTS**

#### **LIBRARY EXPANSION PROJECT - USDA LOAN/GRANT**

City Planner Dave Keeley reported USDA has proposed a partial loan/grant combination to purchase items for the kitchen and additional furniture. The proposal is \$15,000 loan at 3.5% interest and \$14,000 in grant funds. Dave explained the kitchen has been scaled back a lot and doesn't feel the City would use the entire amount proposed.

Council Member Bonnie Bradley moved to authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with USDA for \$29,000 partial loan and grant funds. Council Member Debbie Gaskin seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member Jeanie Thompson - yes, Council Member Bonnie Bradley - yes and Council Member Debbie Gaskin - yes.

#### **LIBRARY EXPANSION PROJECT**

City Planner Dave Keeley reported the design plans for the Library expansion project are about 90% complete. He expects the project to go out to bid within the next two weeks.

City Planner Dave Keeley stated the Book Nook will be moved inside the library. Dave stated the Friends of the Library are very excited and are selling bricks with names on them as a fundraiser and will be selling pies during Town & Country Days.

City Planner Dave Keeley stated tractor trailers will be used for storage during construction and the library will work out of the Information Center for about 6 months until the project is complete.

#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Fire Chief John Ridlington stated the fire season is starting a little early this year with dry conditions.

Fire Chief John Ridlington reported Kettle Falls had a fatality fire and thinks it was caused by electrical or a cigarette igniting a mattress.

Fire Chief John Ridlington stated the department will be holding hose tests on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

#### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Police Officer Eric Middlesworth reported the Police Department has been busy.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway reported a sewer pump quit and was sent for repair. However, the pump could not be repaired and he purchased a new one. Joel further explained it would be a good idea to purchase another pump just to have on hand if one quits.

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway stated the new garbage truck needs a new crankshaft. It should still be under warranty and fixed next week.

#### **WATER HOOKUP APPLICATION**

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway stated he expects to receive an application from an out of town property owner for a 2" water line. Joel explained the ordinance does not have a dollar amount for the hookup fee.

After discussion, City Council stated the hookup fee should be doubled just like the other hookup fees were doubled.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**POSSIBLE BID AWARD – WELL NO. 6 PUMPING STATION**

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway recommended the low bid received from Bauman Brothers of \$194,979.75. Joel further explained the City would have an additional cost of \$17,000 over the bid amount for electrical.

Council Member Bonnie Bradley moved to accept the bid from Bauman Brothers for Well #6 Pumping Station. Council Member Debbie Gaskin seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member Jeanie Thompson - yes, Council Member Bonnie Bradley - yes and Council Member Debbie Gaskin - yes.

**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 7:53 p.m.

Approved:

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Dorothy Slagle, Mayor

Attest:

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Raena Hallam, Clerk/Treasurer