

KETTLE FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 7, 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, Jesse Garrett and Debbie Gaskin. Cris Haynes unexcused absence.

STAFF

Staff - Joel Gassaway, John Ridlington, Mary Schultz, and Charlie Schuerman. Chief Chris Courchene, Raena Hallam and Dave Keeley excused absence.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MAIL RECEIVED

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. *Excused for executive session at 7:02
*Returned to regular meeting at 7:10

CITY COUNCIL POSITION NO. 4

City of Attorney Charlie Schuerman - Read and explained RCW 35A.12.060 and 42.12.070(1).

RCW 42.12.070 - (1) Where one position is vacant, the remaining members of the governing body shall appoint a qualified person to fill the vacant position.

RCW 35A.12.060 - In addition a council position shall become vacant if the council member fails to attend three consecutive regular meetings of the council without being excused by the council.

RCW 35A.12.060, 42.12.070 (1) and Council Member roll call log from January 2015 to June 2015 on file.

Council Member Jesse Garrett made a motion to declare Council Position No. 4 vacant for unexcused absences. 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, and Council Member Debbie Gaskin - yes.

City of Attorney Charlie Schuerman stated Dale Drake has filed and is a candidate. Record of filing is on file.

No one else has filed for City Council Position No. 4.

Council Member Jesse Garrett made a motion to appoint Mr. Drake to the City Council Position No. 4, until the end of the current term and present him with the oath of office. Mr. Drake will have to be re-elected for next term. 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.

City Attorney Charlie Schuerman administered the oath of office to Dale Drake.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Nicole McCraw, Kettle Falls - Spoke to the City Planner regarding permits and licenses for street vendors on Meyers Street. Kettle Falls doesn't have any permits or licenses available for street vendors at this time. Nicole works with people in Chewelah and would like to bring them here to Kettle Falls to see more art happening on Meyers Street. The problem is artist are getting burnt out on vender and permit fees. Nicole spoke with some of the local business on Meyers Street and they seem to be interested in having vendors, thinking it would promote business down Meyers Street.

City Council would like to discuss more regarding fees and how to approach details with vendors on Meyers Street. City Council will continue discussing information that is gathered at the next City Council Meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES FOR JUNE 2, 2015 AND JUNE VOUCHERS AND PAYROLL

Council Member Bonnie Bradley made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. 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 Dale Drake - yes and Council Member Debbie Gaskin - yes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

As there were no committee reports, City Council moved on to staff reports.

Mayor Dorothy Slagle announced that she would have Dale Drakes committee reports to him by the next meeting.

STAFF REPORTS

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief John Ridlington reported 50 runs as of this date. At this point the crew has been on 5 mobile fires. That is when the state calls and gets all the districts to gather equipment up. They have been called to help out at Brewster, Kennewick, Mansfield, Springdale and Colville Mountain.

Locally they have had a fire in a hawks nest due to a tree falling into the power lines and behind Sandy's there was a fire due to a wind storm destroying about 5 acres.

There was also a fire about a week and a half ago next to the Colville River on the opposite side of here due to an osprey nest on top of Bonneville power line.

There was phone line and power line down off of 5th and Juniper on the 4th of July.

DOA had a lift assist recently, there was also a Jet Ski accident and had helicopter landing at Marcus.

Mayor Dorothy Slagle and City Council Members gave kudos to the fire fighters.

Fire Chief John Ridlington reported that Chris McIntosh and Nick Clowser are helping out on the Williams Lake Road fire.

PUBLIC WORKS

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway wanted to update City Council on what WWTP Operator Paul Jacobs has been doing out at the treatment plant. Joel and some crew members were approached a few weeks ago regarding a fuel truck spill by the Sanpoil River that happened back in March. The cleanup crew is working under the EPA the tribe. The cleanup crew has been sucking up the ground water and catching it before it gets to the Sanpoil River. They have been storing massive amount of water at a tank farm and they need to get rid of it. EPA won't let them put it just anywhere or in the river. They spoke with the Republic Treatment Plant Operator and the Department of Ecology said that Republic doesn't have enough capacity to help.

Paul did a lot of research and spoke with the Department of Ecology. They also got Allison Esvelt involved to help make some recommendations and they agreed to take 130,000 gallons at three times the normal septage rate at the treatment plant. Joel has a letter of agreement for them to pay any overtime pay and testing of the water.

They hauled it here in trucks and put it in the aeration basin that is not being used. To treat the water you let it sit and let it aerate. After letting it aerate then you test it until there is no gas detection. When there is no detection then you can run it through the plant. The water that was brought to the treatment plant had no detect already.

Meanwhile, when this was all happening a forest fire started about 2 miles from where the tank farm is and so they got an approval to use the water on the fire.

If they don't use all of the water on the forest fire they may bring more to us.

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway reported that the water table is lower than last year at this time, but doesn't anticipate any problems since Avista usage is done.

CLERK/SECRETARY

Clerk/Secretary Mary Schultz announced on behalf of Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam that there was an article in the

Thursday's newspaper regarding the Bio-Refinery if anyone is interested.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mayor Dorothy Slagle stated that there is more work needed to be done to the Police Department building than they thought.

NEW BUSINESS

CLOSURE OF PUBLIC RECORDS

Council Member Bonnie Bradley made a motion to except the closure of public records. 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 Dale Drake - abstain and Council Member Debbie Gaskin - yes.

OLD BUSINESS

As there were no old business, City Council moved on to public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

As there were no public comment, City Council moved on to adjournment.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved:

Dorothy Slagle, Mayor

Attest:

Mary Schultz, Secretary/Clerk

