

KETTLE FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 18, 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

Bonnie Bradley, Jesse Garrett, Dale Drake and Debbie Gaskin.

STAFF

Staff -Dave Keeley, Raena Hallam, Joel Gassaway and John Ridlington.

GUESTS

Guests - Lu Haynes, Darrel Wicks, Austin Borders, Anthony Errigo and Marie Errigo.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MAIL RECEIVED

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

YOUTH OUTREACH - SKATE PARK

Anthony Borders, POB 1027, Colville, WA would like to do a community outreach to the kids at the Kettle Falls Skate Park. Mr. Borders stated it would be a public event to include a DJ and fun activities for all ages. The goal of the event is to create a positive day for the youth in the community. Mr. Borders stated he would like to have the event in the skate park area on October 3, 2015 for about four hours.

Mayor Slagle stated she thought it would be a good event to have in Kettle Falls. City Council agreed and gave Mr. Borders permission to use the skate park on October 3, 2015.

NEIGHBOR DISPUTE - 923 W. OLD KETTLE ROAD

Mr. Errigo, 923 W. Old Kettle Road, Kettle Falls, WA stated his neighbors have been sabotaging his vehicles, shooting guns and trespassing on his property. Mr. Errigo stated he has contacted the Kettle Falls Police Department, Stevens County Sherriff's

Department and even had the Park Service at his residence. Mr. Errigo explained he lives inside the city limits, but the neighbors harassing him live outside the City limits, creating confusion with law enforcement as to who has jurisdiction. Mr. Errigo stated he feels the USA has failed him in not giving him the opportunity to live in peace and harmony in the neighborhood.

Mayor Slagle stated she visited the neighbors and asked Mr. Errigo if that had done any good. Mr. Errigo stated it did not.

Council Member Bonnie Bradley suggested Mr. Errigo purchase game cameras.

Mr. Errigo stated he doesn't feel he should have to purchase game cameras. He knows who is doing it, and so does everyone else.

Police Officer Tim Dollar stated he has not had a call for gunshots fired in that area for 4 or 5 years. Mr. Errigo stated he has called 911 numerous times.

Officer Tim Dollar explained the neighbor live in the county and have a right to shoot their guns. As long as they don't shoot at other people's property or directly at people.

Mr. Errigo stated the National Rifle Association (NRA) states it is illegal to shoot within a half mile of a public home. Officer Tim Dollar stated that is not true.

Police Officer Tim Dollar offered to help Mr. Errigo place game cameras on the property. Tim further explained unless law enforcement witnesses the crime or there is proof (such as a picture of the act) of a crime they can't arrest anyone for sabotaging his property.

Council Member Dale Drake agreed with Mr. Errigo, he shouldn't have to purchase game cameras. However, he asked Mr. Errigo to work together with the Mayor, City Council and Police Department. Dale explained the Police Officers have to witness the crime before they can do anything.

Mr. Errigo thanked the Mayor, City Council and Officer Tim Dollar for their assistance and stated he would work together to solve the problem.

CONSENT AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 4, 2015 AND INVOICES FOR E&H ENGINEERING, BAUMAN BROTHERS AND POLICE OFFICER GORDON WINTER

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam stated the invoices for E&H Engineering and Bauman Brothers were not received until after the last City Council meeting. The invoice for Police Officer Gordon Winter is for his clothing allowance in accordance with the union contract.

Council Member Jesse Garrett moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member Bonnie Bradley seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member Bonnie Bradley - yes, Council Member Jesse Garrett - yes, Council Member Dale Drake - yes and Council Member Debbie Gaskin - yes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE/FIRE COMMITTEE

Council Member Debbie Gaskin reported the last fire department meeting discussed reimbursement for fire fighters. Council Member Jesse Garrett stated discussion was mainly concerning one invoice that was not in Stevens County Fire District #6. They saw the fire start, responded from another fire in hopes to stop the fire before it exploded.

PLANNING COMMISSION - BEE KEEPING

Council Member Bonnie Bradley stated she attended the Kettle Falls Planning Commission meeting to discuss bee keeping in the city limits. Bonnie stated the Planning Commission tabled the discussion until the next regular meeting on September 14, 2015.

STAFF REPORTS

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief John Ridlington discussed the fires that erupted in the Kettle Falls and Colville area on Friday, August 14, 2015. John stated the fire department responded to a fire on Mission Ridge and saw the fire start on Pingston Creek. The department responded to that fire also, but the Pingston fire exploded and the department quickly turned to house saving mode.

Fire Chief John Ridlington stated the State doesn't have any firefighting resources to lend to departments in the area. The communities need to work together. John stated he worked with Pastor Tony Pinkham Friday night to set up a shelter at the Kettle Falls Senior Center if needed.

Mayor Slagle commended Fire Chief John Ridlington and the Kettle Falls Fire Fighters for the excellent job they do.

NUISANCE LETTER

Fire Chief John Ridlington stated he is not comfortable signing the proposed nuisance letter that will be mailed to city residents. John explained he liked the letter as written, but feels the letter should come from the Mayor.

Fire Chief John Ridlington stated he would be comfortable with the letter stating it is in conjunction with the Fire Department. John stated he would be more than willing to help citizens create defensible space around their property.

City Council asked City Planner Dave Keeley to correct the word implying to imposing and to add to the letter it is in conjunction with the Kettle Falls Fire Department.

FIRE CHIEF RETIREMENT

Fire Chief John Ridlington stated he has submitted his retirement paperwork for a Retire/Hire. Meaning he will be retired for three months and then be rehired to the department. John stated he wants to do this so he may collect retirement funds from the WA State Board of Volunteer Fire Fighters.

Council Member Dale Drake questioned liability issues if Fire Chief John Ridlington volunteered for the department while he is retired for three months. Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam stated she will research the City's liability.

PUBLIC WORKS - HIRING COMMITTEE

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway stated the Utilities Committee will be reviewing applications August 20th, 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

WELL NO. 6 PROJECT

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway reported Bauman Brothers are close to completion of the Well NO. 6 Project. Joel stated there are a few punch items left, but it runs smoothly.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

City Planner Dave Keeley distributed an informational packet to City Council explaining what a Public Development Authority (PDA) is. Dave briefly explained a PDA gives the City the right to operate a business. A PDA does not have taxing authority or enforcing eminent domain. The PDA would be audited, all activity is public record and the board would be required to meet once per year.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NO. 1742 - AN ORDINANCE GRANTING AVISTA CORPORATION, D/B/A AVISTA UTILITIES, A WASHINGTON CORPORATION, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, THE NONEXCLUSIVE RIGHT, PRIVILEGE, AUTHORITY AND FRANCHISE TO LOCATE, CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OWN, MAINTAIN, REPAIR, REPLACE, EXTEND, OPERATE AND USE FACILITIES IN, UPON, OVER, UNDER, ALONG, AND ACROSS THE FRANCHISE AREA FOR PURPOSES OF THE TRANSMISSION, DISTRIBUTION AND SALE OF GAS.

Council Member Jesse Garrett moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1742 by title only. Council Member Bonnie Bradley seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member Bonnie Bradley - yes, Council Member Jesse Garrett - yes, Council Member Dale Drake - yes and Council Member Debbie Gaskin - yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

FIRE INFORMATION

Lu Haynes thanked Fire Chief John Ridlington for all of the fire information.

BUDGET DOCUMENT CORRECTION

Council Member Dale Drake stated the 2015 Budget Document should be corrected to state the proper process for appointing the Mayor Pro-Temp.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Dorothy Slagle adjourned the meeting at 8.35 p.m.

Approved:

Dorothy Slagle, Mayor

Attest:

Raena Hallam, Clerk/Treasurer