

KETTLE FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 1, 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, Bonnie Bradley, Jesse Garrett and Dale Drake. Council Member Debbie Gaskin was absent.

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

STAFF

Staff - Charlie Schuerman, Raena Hallam and Joel Gassaway.

GUESTS

Guests - John Ridlington.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MAIL RECEIVED

LIBRARY BRICKS

Mayor Slagle announced the deadline to purchase bricks for the library fundraiser is fast approaching. She stated anyone wanting to purchase a brick should do so in the near future.

PUBLIC COMMENT

As there was no Public Comment, City Council moved on to the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 18, 2015 CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE/FIRE COMMITTEE

Council Member Jesse Garrett stated he attended a fire department meeting and everything is going good.

STAFF REPORTS

UTILITIES COMMITTEE

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway stated Larry Stephenson has been hired to fill the open Crewman position in the Public Works Department. Mr. Stephenson will start work on September 16, 2015.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC DISCLOSURE POLICY

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam distributed a draft Public Records Disclosure Policy to the City Council to take home for review. Raena stated this is part of the settlement agreement with Mr. Kirby stating the City will adopt a policy within 120 days. Raena stated a public hearing will be held in October, 2015.

ORDINANCE NO. ~~1742~~ 1743 - 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.

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam stated at the last meeting she had presented Ordinance No. 1742 for adoption regarding the Avista Utilities. Raena stated she made a mistake and the ordinance number should have been 1743.

Council Member Bonnie Bradley moved to change the Avista Utilities Ordinance No. 1742 to Ordinance No. 1743. Council Member Dale Drake seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member Bonnie Bradley - yes, Council Member Jesse Garrett - yes and Council Member Dale Drake - yes.

MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 15.08 - TRAVEL TRAILERS OR RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam stated with the recent fires in the area, there has been a noticeable increase in travel trailers/RV's in the City and some business owners staying in their businesses due to evacuations. Raena asked City Council to consider temporarily suspending the 5 day maximum stay in travel trailers/RV's until the fires have died down and residents are allowed to return to their homes.

Council Member Jesse Garrett moved to suspend all ordinances regarding camping, water hookups and travel trailer/recreational vehicles to allow people who have been evacuated from their homes to utilize city services through September 30, 2015 with the Mayor having the option of extending the suspension if needed. Council Member Bonnie Bradley seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member Bonnie Bradley - yes, Council Member Jesse Garrett - yes and Council Member Dale Drake - yes.

OLD BUSINESS

PURCHASING PRODUCTS/SERVICES OUTSIDE OF KETTLE FALLS

Council Member Dale Drake questioned why the Police Chief is paying to have his car washed in the City of Colville when Kettle Falls has a car wash.

PUBLIC COMMENT

PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST

John Ridlington commented the City Council needs to pay close attention to public records requests. John stated there have been many lawsuits regarding records requests and in some cases have bankrupted cities.

FESTIVAL OF NEIGHBORS

Mayor Slagle stated the Festival of Neighbors is on track and moving forward. The organizing committee has already received enough donations to cover all of the entertainment expenses.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Dorothy Slagle adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Approved:

Dorothy Slagle, Mayor

Attest:

Raena Hallam, Clerk/Treasurer