

KETTLE FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 15, 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, Dale Drake and Debbie Gaskin.

STAFF

Staff - Charlie Schuerman, Raena Hallam, Tim Dollar and Joel Gassaway.

GUESTS

Guests - Austin Borders.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MAIL RECEIVED

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

SKATE PARK YOUTH OUTREACH EVENT

Mr. Austin Borders thanked the City Council for allowing him to organize a youth outreach event at the Kettle Falls Skate Park. Austin stated as he has been organizing the event he is concerned about safety of the children on Meyers Street during the event. Austin asked City Council to consider allowing him to completely block Meyers Street in the area in front of the skate park. This would eliminate the danger of kids riding their bikes or running into traffic.

Mayor Slagle stated the event is Saturday, October 3, 2015 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway stated blocking off the street would eliminate some of the parking, but didn't see any other issues if the street is closed.

Police Officer Tim Dollar stated he didn't see any problem with the street being blocked off, but asked the Mayor to send a memo

to Police Chief Chris Courchene so dispatch could be advised to direct emergency vehicles.

Council Member Jesse Garrett moved to block off a portion of Meyers Street in front of the Kettle Falls Skate Park on October 3, 2015 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Council Member Dale Drake 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.

CONSENT AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 1, 2015 and FEBRUARY 3, 2015 CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Clerk Treasurer Raena Hallam stated she is preparing for the state audit and found that the February 3, 2015 City Council minutes were not approved. Raena stated this would have been about the same time she was in the hospital and doesn't think they were presented to Council for approval.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING COMMISSION - BEES

Council Member Debbie Gaskin stated she attended the last Kettle Falls Planning Commission meeting and they discussed bee keeping in the city limits. Debbie stated the Planning Commission will be drafting an ordinance to present to City Council.

CHEWELAH CITY CODE - PARKING IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Council Member Dale Drake distributed a copy of the Chewelah Municipal Code regarding parking in residential areas. Dale asked City Council to take it home to read and he would like to discuss at the next City Council meeting.

POLICE FIRE COMMITTEE - LADDER TRUCK

Council Member Jesse Garrett stated Stevens County District #6 purchased a new ladder truck. Mayor Slagle stated she saw the new truck at the Festival of Neighbors and was very impressed.

STAFF REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS - RFQ'S FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway stated TD&H Engineering has been selected to provide engineering services for the replacement of the main water line under the railroad. They were selected for their experience in working with the railroad before and they offered to do some pro-bono work to find funding for the project.

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway stated the water line is located at the east side of the city limits and runs under the railroad and Hwy 395. Replacing the portion of water line under the Hwy 395 may also be considered to be included in the project. Joel stated TD&H has advised him working with the railroad is a slow process and may take up to a year to get permission from the railroad to do the project.

WASHINGTON STATE AUDIT

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam stated she has been contacted by the Washington State Auditor's office and has scheduled the 2013 & 2014 audit to begin the week of September 28, 2015.

NEW BUSINESS

2016 BUDGET

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam stated all of the department heads are still gathering estimates and working on their 2016 budget request. Raena asked City Council to plan on having budget workshops on every other Tuesday in October.

HIGHWAY 395 NORTH SIDE SIDEWALK PROJECT.

Mayor Dorothy Slagle stated the bid opening for the Hwy 395 Sidewalk project is scheduled for this Thursday. Dorothy stated the cost of labor and goods has increased dramatically and she doesn't expect to receive a bid that is under the estimate.

Council Member Dale Drake asked why does the City need sidewalks on the north side at the end of town.

Mayor Slagle stated the sidewalk project was completed in phases and the north side at the east end of the City limits is the final stage of the project.

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway stated if the City doesn't put in the sidewalks the State could force the City to put them in.

Mayor Slagle stated when the other phases of the sidewalk project was completed it helped tremendously with safety and traffic control.

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 7:32 p.m.

Approved:

Dorothy Slagle, Mayor

Attest:

Raena Hallam, Clerk/Treasurer