

KETTLE FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 3, 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, Dave Keeley, Gordon Winter and Joel Gassaway.

GUESTS

Guests - Steve Hedrick and Wayne Wardlow.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MAIL RECEIVED

NEW POLICE OFFICER - GORDON WINTER

Officer Gordon Winter introduced himself to the City Council and thanked them for the opportunity to work in the City of Kettle Falls. City Council welcomed Officer Winter.

POSSIBLE APPOINTMENT TO CITY COUNCIL POSITION NO. 1

Mayor Dorothy Slagle stated applicant Josh Jensen was unable to attend the meeting due to his work schedule.

City Council Member Dale Drake made a motion to postpone the appointment to council position no. 1 until the next City Council meeting, Council Member Jesse Garrett 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

PUBLIC HEARING - KEEPING OF BEES INSIDE OF THE CITY LIMITS

City Planner Dave Keeley reported the Kettle Falls Planning Commission reviewed the keeping of bees inside of the City limits and have drafted an ordinance for Council consideration. Dave stated the ordinance allows the keeping of bees but would require a

permit along with several other regulations. Dave stated the draft ordinance is attached to the Council packet for their review.

Mayor Slagle opened the Public Hearing for public testimony at 7:11 pm. No testimony was presented. Mayor Slagle closed the public hearing for testimony at 7:12 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING - PUBLIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (PDA)

City Planner Dave Keeley stated a PDA would allow the City to operate as a corporation, possibly operating a business, leasing property etc.

Mayor Slagle opened the Public Hearing for public testimony at 7:17 pm. No testimony was presented. Mayor Slagle closed the public hearing for testimony at 7:18 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING - 2016 PROPERTY TAX LEVY RATE

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam stated the property tax ordinances are a requirement each year. The one percent increase proposed in the ordinance does not mean each property owners taxes will go up by 1%, some properties could increase, some will stay the same and some may decrease. Entirely depends on property assessments.

Mayor Slagle opened the Public Hearing for public testimony at 7:21 pm. No testimony was presented. Mayor Slagle closed the public hearing for testimony at 7:22 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 6, 2015 CITY COUNCIL MINUTES AND OCTOBER VOUCHERS AND PAYROLL

Council Member Debbie Gaskin 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

As there were no Committee Reports, City Council moved on to Staff Reports.

STAFF REPORTS

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NEW BUSINESS**ORDINANCE NO. 1745 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE KETTLE FALLS MUNICIPAL CODE ALLOWING THE KEEPING OF BEES**

City Council Member Dale Drake stated he has spoken with several members of the community and about 85% of them do not wish to have bees allowed inside of the City limits. Council Member Bonnie Bradley stated the people she spoke to don't want bees in town either.

Mayor Slagle stated she spoke with several people also and they were in favor of having bees in town.

Council Member Debbie Gaskin moved to introduce Ordinance No. 1745 by title only. Council Member Dale Drake seconded the motion. Motion carried. Council Member Bonnie Bradley - abstain, Council Member Jesse Garrett - yes, Council Member Dale Drake - yes and Council Member Debbie Gaskin - yes.

ORDINANCE NO. 1744 - AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE KETTLE FALLS PUBLIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Council Member Bonnie Bradley moved to introduce Ordinance No. 1744 by title only. Council Member Debbie Gaskin 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.

ORDINANCE NO. 1746 - AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES TO RAISE REVENUE NECESSARY TO DEFRAY EXPENSES AND EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF KETTLE FALLS, WASHINGTON FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016

Council Member Debbie Gaskin moved to introduce Ordinance No. 1746 by title only. 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.

ORDINANCE NO. 1747 - AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2016

Council Member Jesse Garrett moved to introduce Ordinance No. 1747 by title only. Council Member Debbie Gaskin 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.

OLD BUSINESS

NUISANCE LETTERS

City Planner Dave Keeley stated nuisance letters were mailed to Rob McIntosh, Rowena McIntosh, Lois Louie and Sam Eason. All of the letters have been picked up at the post office except for Rob McIntosh, Rowena McIntosh and Sam Eason. Dave stated Lois Louie has asked for a thirty day extension.

City Planner Dave Keeley stated Rob McIntosh built a pallet fence around his property, which several citizens have complained about. Dave asked City Council how they would like to proceed.

Council Members Dale Drake and Bonnie Bradley stated they would like to follow the ordinance and impose fines.

After discussion, City Attorney Charlie Schuerman will discuss issue with MRSC. City Council will review the nuisance ordinance and the commercial zoning ordinance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

NUISANCE PROPERTIES

Mr. Steve Hedrick suggested having volunteers show up to help the property owners clean up their properties.

Mr. Wardlow suggested placing a lien against the property.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Dorothy Slagle adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

Approved:

Dorothy Slagle, Mayor

Attest: _____
Raena Hallam, Clerk/Treasurer