

KETTLE FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 24, 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, Steve Hedrick, Bonnie Bradley, Jesse Garrett, Dale Drake and Debbie Gaskin.

STAFF

Staff - Charlie Schuerman, Raena Hallam, Dave Keeley and Joel Gassaway.

GUESTS

Guests - Josh Jensen and Wayne Wardlow.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MAIL RECEIVED

POSSIBLE APPOINTMENT TO CITY COUNCIL POSITION NO. 1

City Council reviewed letters from the three applicants. Wayne Wardlow, Steve Hedrick and Josh Jensen each introduced themselves to City Council.

Mayor Slagle stated the City Council would now go into Executive Session to discuss the applicants. The executive Session would last approximately 8 minutes.

City Council entered into Executive Session at 7:04 p.m.
City Council returned to the regular meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Council Member Bonnie Bradley explained she would like to see Mr. Steve Hedrick appointed since he works in a position that has a lot of exposure to the public.

Council Member Bonnie Bradley moved to appoint Steve Hedrick to Council Position No. 1. 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.

City Attorney Charlie Schuerman administered the oath of office to Steve Hedrick.

PUBLIC COMMENT

PUBLIC HEARING - 2016 BUDGET AND 2015 BUDGET AMENDMENT

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam stated she prepared the draft budget ordinance on discussion held during the budget workshops. This includes salaries increases of 1.5% to support staff, 1.0% to department heads and City Planner Dave Keeley working 4 days per week.

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam stated she does not expect any surprises for the 2015 budget amendment. The library expansion project and the Hwy 395 sidewalk project.

Mayor Slagle opened the Public Hearing for public testimony at 7:24 pm. No testimony was presented. Mayor Slagle closed the public hearing for testimony at 7:25 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING - 2016 PROPERTY TAX LEVY RATE

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam asked if City Council had any questions or concerns regarding the draft ordinances.

Mayor Slagle opened the Public Hearing for public testimony at 7:27 pm. No testimony was presented. Mayor Slagle closed the public hearing for testimony at 7:28 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 20, 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, 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

HWY 395 SIDEWALK PROJECT

City Planner Dave Keeley reported the Hwy 395 sidewalk project is almost complete for the year. The contractor will have to return in the spring to finish up some minor issues, weather permitting.

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway stated anticipates drainage issues regarding the three houses on the northern end. Joel stated the design removed a lot of the existing culverts and drainage. Joel stated the water may puddle in these areas.

LIBRARY EXPANSION PROJECT

City Planner Dave Keeley stated the Library project has been slightly delayed due to weather, but should be ready for a walk through by December 15th.

NEW BUSINESS

As there was no New Business, City Council moved on to Old Business.

OLD BUSINESS

NUISANCE LETTERS

City Attorney Charlie Schuerman stated every City struggles with nuisance ordinances. The question is does the property endanger health and safety of the public?

City Attorney Charlie Schuerman also explained that the letter mailed to the property owners did not include all of the required language according to the ordinance. The letter will need to be drafted again and mailed again.

Council Member Dale Drake stated it has been five months and nothing has been done with the nuisance properties. Dale expressed his frustration that the letter was not drafted correctly.

Mayor Slagle stated she has issues with spending money on nuisance properties, but the final decision is Council's.

Council Member Bonnie Bradley stated she would like to have a Council meeting dedicated to only nuisance properties. Council Member Jesse Garrett agreed.

Mayor Slagle suggested forming a committee and reviewing at the next Council meeting.

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

Council Member Bonnie Bradley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1745 by title only. Council Member Debbie Gaskin seconded the motion.

Motion carried. Council Member Steve Hedrick - yes, Council Member Bonnie Bradley - yes, Council Member Jesse Garrett - no, Council Member Dale Drake - no and Council Member Debbie Gaskin - yes.

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

Council Member Debbie Gaskin moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1744 by title only. Council Member Jesse Garrett seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member Steve Hedrick - abstain, 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 adopt Ordinance No. 1746 by title only. Council Member Steve Hedrick seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member Steve Hedrick - yes, 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 Bonnie Bradley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1747 by title only. Council Member Debbie Gaskin seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member Steve Hedrick - yes, Council Member Bonnie Bradley - yes, Council Member Jesse Garrett - yes, Council Member Dale Drake - yes and Council Member Debbie Gaskin - yes.

2016 BUDGET

Council Member Dale Drake stated he would like to see 32 hours be considered full time with full medical benefits.

PUBLIC COMMENT

As there was no Public Comment, City Council moved on to Adjournment.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Dorothy Slagle adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Approved:

Dorothy Slagle, Mayor

Attest: _____
Raena Hallam, Clerk/Treasurer

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