

KETTLE FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 19, 2016

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

STAFF

Staff - Charlie Schuerman, Raena Hallam, Dave Keeley, Michael Gettys, Katy Pike and Joel Gassaway.

GUESTS

Guests - Dave Blanck, Wayne Walls, Joseph Oden, Katey Gettys, Duane Gettys, Mark Harding and Rebecca Gettys.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MAIL RECEIVED

ABSENCE EXCUSED

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

OATH OF OFFICER FOR CITY COUNCIL POSITION NO. 4

City Attorney Charlie Schuerman administered the oath of office to Dale Drake for council position no. 4.

OATH OF OFFICE FOR POLICE OFFICER

Michael Gettys introduced himself to City Council. Mr. Gettys stated he worked for the Border Patrol in Texas for three years and moved his family back to the area this summer. Mr. Gettys stated he is looking forward to serving the community.

City Attorney Charlie Schuerman administered the oath of office to Michael Gettys for the position of police officer.

PUBLIC COMMENT

BLUE GRASS MUSIC FESTIVAL

Mr. Mark Harding stated he has organized the Newport, WA Blue Grass Festival for the last five years and is looking for a new location to have the festival. Mr. Harding stated he would like permission to organize the event and have it at Happy Dell Park.

City Council encouraged Mr. Harding and asked him to do a walkthrough of Happy Dell Park to see if it would be large enough to accommodate the event.

CONSENT AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 24TH, OCTOBER 27TH, NOVEMBER 3RD, 10TH AND 24TH AND SECOND HALF OF DECEMBER, 2015 VOUCHERS.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND MAYOR PRO-TEMP

Mayor Dorothy Slagle distributed the 2016 City Council Committees.

Parks & Recreation Committee

1. Dale Drake
2. Steve Hedrick

Finance Committee

1. Dale Drake
2. Bonnie Bradley

Community Enhancement Committee

1. Debbie Gaskin
2. Steve Hedrick

Utilities Committee

1. Bonnie Bradley
2. Jesse Garrett

Police/Fire/Safety Committee

1. Debbie Gaskin
2. Jesse Garrett

Planning/Community Development

1. Debbie Gaskin
2. Steve Hedrick

Suggested Mayor Pro Temp Debbie Gaskin.

Council Member Jesse Garrett moved to appoint Council Member Debbie Gaskin as Mayor Pro-Temp for 2016. Council Member Steve Hedrick seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member Steve Hedrick - yes, Council Member Jesse Garrett - yes Council Member Dale Drake - yes and Council Member Debbie Gaskin - yes.

STAFF REPORTS

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief John Ridlington reported the department responded to 117 fire calls which is almost double of a normal year.

Mayor Slagle stated she heard on the radio there is proposed legislation that states local fire departments will be allowed 6 hours of assistance from state agencies. After the 6 hours, then the departments would be billed accordingly.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mayor Slagle reported she read the Washington State Patrol report regarding the accident involving Officer Tim Dollar. Mayor Slagle stated the report did not include any findings or conclusions.

Mayor Slagle stated the Stevens County Sheriff and her have agreed to use County Deputies for some shifts. The City will have to pay wages, benefits and mileage.

Council Member Jesse Garrett moved to have the Mayor sign a Memo of Understanding with the Stevens County Sheriff for shift coverage in the police department. Council Member Dale Drake seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member Steve Hedrick - yes, Council Member Jesse Garrett - yes Council Member Dale Drake - yes and Council Member Debbie Gaskin - yes.

KETTLE FALLS LIBRARY

Library Manager Katy Pike reported she is in the process of installing shelving in the library. Katy stated Horizons donated ten computers to the library.

Library Manager Katy Pike stated the Friends of the Library Tea is scheduled for March 19th at the Masonic Hall.

BUDGET AMENDMENT - POLICE CAR

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam stated the police vehicle has not been released for the insurance to appraise. Therefore, the City still has not received any money to replace the totaled police vehicle. Raena stated when the insurance does give the city money it will probably require a budget amendment to purchase a replacement car.

NEW BUSINESS

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

OLD BUSINESS

BLUE MUSIC FESTIVAL

City Planner Dave Keeley stated the event will be called the Crossroads Blues Festival and will be held June 17th and 18th. Dave reported Mr. Holmes has obtained \$11,000 from private investors for the event and it will be covered by the Kettle Falls Chamber of Commerce Insurance.

City Planner Dave Keeley stated there are still some issues to address such as the noise ordinance, the Gold Line bus route, parking, etc.

Mr. Dave Blanck thanked the City Council for the opportunity to work on the stage at Happy Dell Park. Mayor Slagle expressed her appreciation to Mr. Blanck for all of his hard work in the community. Mayor Slagle explained to City Council Mr. Blanck not only helped build the stage but is very instrumental with the Chamber, Festival of Neighbors and is now the Chairman of Town & Country Days.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Dave Blanck stated he really enjoys working with the City. Mr. Blanck stated city hall, public works and law enforcement are always very helpful.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Dorothy Slagle adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Approved:

Dorothy Slagle, Mayor

Attest: _____
Raena Hallam, Clerk/Treasurer

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