

KETTLE FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 5, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro-Temp Debbie Gaskin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Steve Hedrick, Jesse Garrett, Dale Drake and Debbie Gaskin. Dorothy Slagle and Bonnie Bradley were absent.

STAFF

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

GUESTS

Guests - No guests were present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MAIL RECEIVED

EXCUSED FROM CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Jesse Garrett moved to excuse Council Member Bonnie Bradley from City Council meetings through June 1, 2015. 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

PUBLIC HEARING - MISSION RIDGE WATER PROJECT

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway stated the purpose of the public hearing is to provide information to City Council about the Mission Ridge Water Project and Intertie Agreement. No decisions need to be made.

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway stated the purpose of the project is to augment the water supply for the Stevens County PUD due to high arsenic levels. The connection line will be 1" and they are not allowed to pump more than 50 gallons per minute. Joel stated he expects the project to be completed this summer.

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway stated the Stevens County PUD received a grant and wishes to pay for 30 years in advance for hooking up to the City water system. This fee will be \$50,040.

Council Member Jesse Garrett suggested attaching an addendum to the contract explaining how the fee was calculated for future reference.

RURAL RESOURCES VICTIM SERVICES

Sherrie Lynne of Rural Resources introduced herself as a sexual assault advocate. She explained the month of April is Sexual Awareness month and Rural Resources is launching a campaign for community leaders to participate.

Ms. Lynne asked City Council if she could take their picture supporting the campaign and place their picture on face book. City Council agreed.

Ms. Lynne also invited them to a Sexual Awareness rally on April 7th in front of the Stevens County Courthouse in Colville, WA.

KEEPING OF BEES IN THE CITY LIMITS OF KETTLE FALLS

Mr. Wayne Wardlow stated he is present to ask the City Council why they have changed their mind and are presenting an ordinance to not allow bee keeping inside the City limits of Kettle Falls. Mr. Wardlow states he has submitted an application for bee keeping has been working with City Planner Dave Keeley in regards to the requirements he needs to do to keep bees.

Mr. Wardlow stated a lot of people spent a lot of time including the Kettle Falls Planning Commission to write the ordinance that was adopted to allow the keeping of bees.

Ms. Andrea Matthews asked why City Council is considering revoking the ordinance after all of the hard work and public meetings done to create the ordinance.

Charlie Schuerman stated Public Comment is only for public comment, it is not meant for public question and answer.

Mr. Bill Emily expressed his concerns that City Council would consider abolishing the ordinance even after all of the hard work put in to writing the ordinance. Mr. Emily stated public officials being that disingenuous to the public will pay a political price.

Council Member Dale Drake asked Mr. Emily if he was threatening the City Council.

Mr. Emily stated no, he only wants City Council to realize that being so disingenuous to the public Council will pay a political price.

CONSENT AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES FOR MARCH 15, 2016 AND MARCH VOUCHERS & PAYROLL

Council Member Dale Drake moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member Jesse Garrett 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

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

STAFF REPORTS

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief John Ridlington reported the department responded to a fire at the Driftwood Apartments. The cause was an onion left on the stove. John also reported there was a 2 acre wildland fire just outside of town on Hwy 25.

PHARMACEUTICAL WATER TESTING

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway stated he checked into testing the water for pharmaceuticals and stated there is no RCW requiring the test. Joel stated mostly pharmaceuticals are found in surface water and need some type of connection to the water supply. The key is public awareness and disposal of pharmaceuticals properly.

LIFT STATION UPGRADE

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway stated Norstar Heating will be doing the upgrade to the Singers Addition lift station and bid under budget. He hopes to have enough money left over to purchase a generator.

WELL #4 PUMP

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway everything has been replaced on the pump for Well #4 except the motor. Approximate cost will be about \$40,000.

WASTEWATER FACILITY

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway stated the Wastewater Facility lost several electronic components due to lightening. A repair person will be on site tomorrow.

KETTLE FALLS LIBRARY

Library Manager Katy Pike reported attendance to the library is significantly up from last year. There is also an increase in program attendance. Katy stated she would like to get a performance license and start showing a movie each month at the library. Katy also stated a digital day camp is also scheduled for kids.

USDA LOAN/GRANT PACKAGE

City Planner Dave Keeley reported met with USDA last week for them to tour the community kitchen at the library.

BUILDING PERMITS

City Planner Dave Keeley stated the season for building has started and several permits have been issued. Including permits for two new homes.

KETTLE FALLS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

City Planner Dave Keeley stated Phil Teller is the new president of the Kettle Falls Chamber of Commerce.

NEW BUSINESS**ORDINANCE NO. 1751 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KETTLE FALLS AMENDING TITLE 12 OF THE KETTLE FALLS MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING USES OF CITY PARKS.**

Council Member Jesse Garrett moved to introduce Ordinance No. 1751 by title only. 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.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1752 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KETTLE FALLS
AMENDING TITLE 12 OF THE KETTLE FALLS MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING
USES OF CITY PARKS.**

Council Member Steve Hedrick moved to introduce Ordinance No. 1752 by title only. 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.

OLD BUSINESS

**ORDINANCE NO. 1750 - AN ORDINANCE REPEALING KETTLE FALLS
ORDINANCE NO. 1745 ALLOWING THE KEEPING OF BEES.**

Council Member Dale Drake moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1750.

There was no second for the motion. Motion failed.

City Planner Dave Keeley stated Mr. Wardlow was not in complete compliance at this time. His neighbors are fine with him keeping bees. Mr. Wardlow still needs to have signage and a few other small items and continue to work with Mr. Doug Jones.

Council Member Jesse Garrett asked how much time for Mr. Wardlow to comply. City Planner Dave Keeley stated he sent a letter to Mr. Wardlow giving him until May 15th. Dave stated he would have to double check the letter to make sure.

Council Member Jesse Garrett stated May 15th would be a fair compliance date.

Council Member Dale Drake asked if the deadline had been extended.

PUBLIC COMMENT

KEEPING OF BEES

Mr. Wardlow thanked the City Council and stated he would make the Council proud.

KETTLE FALLS ROTARY CLUB PROJECT - SKATING RINK

Mr. Dennis Roberts of the Center, stated the Kettle Falls Rotary Club has decided to upgrade the basketball court at the Center.

In doing so, they will make an edge so in the winter time it can be filled with water and froze for ice skating.

City Council expressed their support of the project and asked Mr. Roberts to meet with City Superintendent Joel Gassaway to discuss drainage etc.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro-Temp Debbie Gaskin adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

Approved:

Debbie Gaskin, Mayor Pro-Temp

Attest: _____
Raena Hallam, Clerk/Treasurer