

KETTLE FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 19, 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, Katy Pike, Crystal Lofts, Chris Courchene and Joel Gassaway.

GUESTS

Guests - Steve Parker, Tyler Edwards and Larry Kulesza.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MAIL RECEIVED

CITY SUPERINTENDENT RETIREMENT

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway submitted a letter announcing his retirement from the City of Kettle Falls. Joel's official day of resignation will be October 31, 2016.

PUBLIC COMMENT

SEWER CHARGES FOR 325 E. 3rd

Mr. Tyler Edwards stated he didn't understand how his building was being billed for sewer services. Mr. Edwards stated all the units share water and sewer but he is being billed for three separate units.

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam stated Mr. Edwards is currently being billed for three units and two at half the rate. After looking at the account, Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam apologized and stated yes, Mr. Edwards is currently being billed for three separate units each having their own bathroom.

Mr. Edwards stated he feels his building fits under the Multi-use office/business with shared facilities rather than Office, up to 5 employees and billed for each unit.

Council Member Jesse Garrett asked Mr. Edwards if there was a way to shut water off to the unit not currently occupied. Mr. Edwards stated no, there is only one meter to the whole building and shutting it off would be difficult.

After discussion, City Council determined the City Council Utilities Committee would review the ordinance and clarify the definition of Multi-use office/business.

Council Member Jesse Garrett explained to Mr. Edwards that it does not guarantee a change in how he is currently be billed.

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.

City Attorney Charlie Schuerman stated he made a couple changes to the Park Ordinance. He stated in the ordinance it will say the park is open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Fire Chief John Ridlington stated he would lock up the bathrooms on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday's the police department will do the other days. John stated he doesn't want the bathrooms to be ruined by vandalism.

Mr. Larry Kulesza stated he spoke to the homeless man (Ed) and determined he is staying in the park cause his wheelchair needs fixed. To fix the chair will require someone to come here from Post Falls, ID, which Mr. Kulesza has made arrangements through the Pay it Forward Foundation. Mr. Kulesza feels once Ed's wheelchair is fixed he won't be spending as much time in Happy Dell Park.

CONSENT AGENDA

As there was no Consent Agenda, City Council moved on to Committee Reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

STAFF REPORTS

KETTLE FALLS LIBRARY

Library Manager Katy Pike reported the Community Center officially has its first two renters. One is for a private party and the second is the Kettle Falls Food Bank.

Library Manager Katy Pike stated she is accepting letters of interest to serve on the Kettle Falls Library Advisory Board.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief John Ridlington reported the department responded to a chimney fire. John stated the department is doing a lot of training and equipment inspections.

PUBLIC WORKS

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway stated Stevens County Public Works crack sealed all of Juniper Street while they were working in the area.

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway stated he is currently advertising for the Summer Supervisor position.

HWY 395 NORTH SIDE SIDEWALKS

City Planner Dave Keeley stated himself and City Superintendent Joel Gassaway did a walkthrough of the Hwy 395 North Side Sidewalk Project with the Engineers to identify needed corrections. The contractor did a good job but due to cold weather, most of the asphalt may need replaced and drainage issues need to be addressed.

WATER SHUT OFF FOR REPAIRS

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway stated portions of West 5th Avenue including the Information Center will be shut off for repairs. This will affect about 30 customers.

NEW BUSINESS

OATH OF OFFICE - POLICE OFFICER

City Attorney Charlie Schuerman administered the Oath of Office to Crystal Lofts for Reserve Police Officer. City Council welcomed Officer Lofts to Kettle Falls.

OLD BUSINESS

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Council Member Jesse Garrett stated the rental agreement for the park should state who is responsible for inspection of the park after an event. The renter should be liable for all costs.

Ordinance No. 1751 was tabled until the next City Council meeting.

**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 Jesse Garrett moved to adopt 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro-Temp Debbie Gaskin adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Approved:

Debbie Gaskin, Mayor Pro-Temp

Attest: _____
Raena Hallam, Clerk/Treasurer