

KETTLE FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 17, 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

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

STAFF

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

GUESTS

Guests - Karen Frostad, Bill Holmes and Larry Kulesza.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MAIL RECEIVED

As there were no Announcements or Mail Received, City Council moved on to Public Comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

CROSSROADS BLUES FESTIVAL

Mr. Bill Holmes reported to City Council the Crossroads Blues Festival is moving forward. Mr. Holmes gave a brief update of the event:

Friday, June 17th from 6:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. - three bands will play. Saturday, June 18th from 1:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. - five bands will play. A noise variance will be needed for both days through 11:30 p.m.

Three dumpsters will be needed in Happy Dell parking lot.

The application form has been completed, and fee paid. Insurance is through the Kettle Falls Chamber of Commerce.

Two food vendors will be on site and Northern Ales will be operating the beer garden.

Mr. Holmes suggested if the City wishes to continue having large events it would be helpful to widen the entrance gate.

Council Member Dale Drake asked if Council Member Steve Hedrick owning Northern Ales would be a conflict. City Attorney Charlie Schuerman stated Council Member Hedrick would need to abstain from any council action regarding the Crossroads Blues Festival.

Mr. Larry Kulesza stated he is concerned about the impact this large event will have on the baseball field. It is one thing to have a few lawn chairs out on the field, but to have actual RV's is different. Mr. Kulesza stated if camping is allowed outside of the BBQ area a variance will need to be granted by City Council. Mr. Kulesza stated he doesn't feel the impact on the ballfield has been thought through.

Mr. Kulesza stated two years ago he asked to see a plot plan for the Crossroads stage at Happy Dell Park and to date has never seen one.

Council Member Dale Drake asked how many RV's are expected to be camping on the ball field.

Mr. Bill Holmes stated Panorama RV Park will be filled before camping is allowed on the ballfield.

PUBLIC HEARING - CDBG FUNDS - CLOSEOUT LIBRARY EXPANSION PROJECT

City Planner Dave Keeley reported the purpose of the Public Hearing is for the public to have the opportunity to make comment on the project. Dave stated the project was audited and a few corrections were made, but overall it was a good audit.

Council Member Jesse Garret asked if all of the bills had been paid for the project.

City Planner Dave Keeley stated yes, all of the bills have been paid and the project is ready to be closed.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES FOR APRIL 5, 2016

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

STAFF REPORTS

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief John Ridlington stated the firemen decided to keep the old fire truck that was considered for surplus.

Fire Chief John Ridlington stated the department would be doing hose tests Saturday from 6:00 am. - 2:00 p.m. John invited anyone who would like to help.

KETTLE FALLS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Library Manager Katy Pike stated three private parties have rented the community center and the Kettle Falls High School has inquired about using it.

Library Manager Katy Pike stated the summer reading program starts June 1st and it is for all ages. About 35 kids have signed up for story time.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway stated the urinal in the pool park bathroom was vandalized and he hopes to have it fixed by Town & Country Days.

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway stated he hired John Duty as the Summer Supervisor. He has a lot of experience in landscaping and design.

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway stated Well #4 is up and running.

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway stated he met with the Dept. of Commerce to learn how to do the paperwork for the Hwy 395 8" water line project. Joel stated the survey will be started, but construction may not start until 2017.

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway stated he is already seeing a cost saving with the new street lights. He stated the last bill was about 1/3 of what it usually is.

NEW BUSINESS

POSSIBLE APPOINTMENT TO THE LIBRARY BOARD

Library Manager Katy Pike asked the Mayor and City Council to appoint Patti Michael to the Kettle Falls Library Board.

Council Member Dale Drake moved to approve the Mayors appointment of Patti Michael to the Kettle Falls Library Board. 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.

TOWN & COUNTRY DAYS 2016 REQUESTS

Council Member Debbie Gaskin moved to approve the Town & Country Days 2016 requests (copy on file). 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.

UNAUTHORIZED WATER CONNECTION - PINE BLUFF ROAD

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway stated a daughter and son inlaw are staying on a property on Pinebluff road to help take care of an elderly relative. Joel stated they are aware they are not supposed to have their RV permanently hooked up to water. Joel stated they have been in City Hall and stated they will apply for a water hookup, but that has been over a month ago.

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway asked City Council for direction on how to move forward with the issue.

Council Member Dale Drake stated the City should make them disconnect. If the City allows them to keep connected it gives them no incentive to apply for a water hookup.

After discussion, City Council asked Joel to write a letter to the couple stating they are in violation and inviting them to City Council.

ORDINANCE NO. 1754 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF THE CITY OF KETTLE FALLS AMENDING THE EQUIVALENT USER SCHEDULE FOR SEWER USERS

Council Member Jesse Garrett moved to introduce Ordinance No. 1754. 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.

OLD BUSINESS

**ORDINANCE NO. 1753 - 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 presented Ordinance No. 1753 to City Council to address open hours of the park and overnight camping.

City Council discussed the park hours are from 8:00 am to 8:00 p.m. City Council suggested the park hours should be dawn to dusk.

City Council decided to table Ordinance No. 1753 until the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

CROSSROADS BLUES FESTIVAL

Fire Chief John Ridlington asked if the organizers of the blues festival have asked for dumpsters for garbage and if someone would check the bathrooms. John stated he doesn't want the new bathrooms to be torn up during the event.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Dorothy Slagle adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

Approved:

Dorothy Slagle, Mayor

Attest: _____
Raena Hallam, Clerk/Treasurer