

**KETTLE FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**JUNE 21, 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 - Bill Holmes, Kasey McKern 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**

Mayor Slagle stated she felt the Crossroads Blue Festival was very successful. She received no complaints, it generated business for local businesses, everyone enjoyed the music and the stage was beautiful.

Mr. Bill Holmes reported to City Council the Crossroads Blues Festival was successful and generated enough to pay the bills. Money left after paying the bills will be rolled over for next year's event.

The Mayor and City Council thanked Mr. Holmes for having the Crossroads Blues Festival at Happy Dell Park.

Mr. Larry Kulesza stated he still had concerns about the event. Mr. Kulesza stated he is still opposed to camping on the ball field. Larry explained Panorama RV Park was not full and there is room for 6 or 7 RV's in the gravel area. RV's do not need to be on the ballfield.

Mr. Kulesza stated there were to be no dogs at the event and there was signage stating no dogs allowed. However, several dogs arrived in RV's and they were not made to leave.

Where the RV's drove and parked there are ruts in the ballfield and there are burned places on the grass from someone dumping something. Larry stated the infield of the ballfield is fine, but no ruts have been fixed in the outfield since construction started on the stage.

Mr. Kulesza further stated the floor of the stage isn't adequate for the Haran Dancers to use. The flooring needs a certain type of decking for the dancers safety.

Mr. Kulesza also discussed with City Council that the stage should be ADA Compliant. Mr. Kasey McKern agreed and stated his vision is to show others a community that accepts disabilities.

Mayor Slagle thanked Mr. Kulesza and Mr. McKern for their concerns and reminded everyone the Crossroads Stage isn't completed yet. There has been discussion about ADA compliance and other issues that will be addressed one step at a time.

Council Member Dale Drake asked why RV's were allowed to park on the ballfield.

Mayor Slagle stated the RV's paid to camp and if they parked on the gravel they would be outside of the fence. Mayor Slagle also stated the City Council gave permission to allow RV parking on the ballfield.

City Planner stated this was the first year for the Crossroads Blues Festival and no one knew what to expect. There were 12 people who wanted to camp in the park.

Mr. Kulesza stated the City has a responsibility to protect the ballfield. Larry stated the ballfield used to be the crown jewel for ball games.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **CITY COUNCIL MINUTES FOR MAY 17<sup>TH</sup> AND JUNE 7, 2016**

Council Member Debbie Gaskin 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**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Council Member Debbie Gaskin stated Fire Chief John Ridlington will be talking to City Council about purchasing a generator for the Fire Station. Council Member Jesse Garrett reported Stevens County Fire District #6 just purchased a new fire truck.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Fire Chief John Ridlington stated he has obtained a quote from Floener electric to wire the City fire station to use a generator. Having a generator would allow the City fire station to be used for an emergency shelter. The cost will be \$2,000 for the electrical work.

Fire Chief John Ridlington stated Stevens County Fire District #6 bought a quick attack fire truck. The truck is a four door vehicle, with 7800 miles and will be used as a quick response vehicle for fires.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway reported the department will be starting to patch pot holes next week.

**CROSSROADS BLUES FESTIVAL**

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway stated there are ruts in the ballfield, but the RV's had minimal impact. There are some burn spots from propane fireplaces.

**KETTLE FALLS PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Library Manager Katy Pike distributed brochures to the City Council for the Kettle Falls Library. Katie stated the next Library Advisory Board meeting will be August 2, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. Katie reported 73 kids signed up for the Summer Reading Program.

**NEW BUSINESS****KETTLE FALLS LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENT**

Council Member Debbie Gaskin moved to approve the Mayor's appointment of Jane Thiess to the Kettle Falls Library Board. 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.

**JUNIPER STREET AND HWY 395 CROSSWALK**

City Planner Dave Keeley stated he spoke with the Dept. of Transportation about placing a crosswalk from Happy Dell Park across Hwy 395. Dave stated the DOT suggested a crosswalk from the Little Gallea Restaurant. Dave stated the DOT will be doing improvements on Hwy 395 in 2017 and has added the crosswalk to their improvement plan.

**KETTLE FALLS MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 10.88 - SNOWMOBILES/OFF ROAD VEHICLES**

Council Member Jesse Garrett stated he is seeing a lot of off road vehicles without the proper safety equipment on their vehicles. Jesse stated the City needs to educate the public again on the requirements to use their ORV's in town.

**KETTLE FALLS MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 15.08 - TRAVEL TRAILERS OR RECREATIONAL VEHICLES**

Council Member Jesse Garrett stated he would like the ordinances changed to allow a recreational vehicle to hook up to water (garden hose) for 5 or 10 days.

After discussion, it was decided to revise the water ordinance and the recreational vehicles ordinance to read they can hook up to water for 10 days during a 30 day period.

**OLD BUSINESS**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Dorothy Slagle adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

Approved:

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Dorothy Slagle, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Raena Hallam, Clerk/Treasurer