

KETTLE FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 6, 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.

STAFF

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

GUESTS

Guests - Larry Kulesza, Keith Miller, Doug Kyle, Vida Snyder, Bill Berrigan, Mark Harding, Mrs. Harding, Brian Henderson, Lynn Schott and Dave Blanck.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MAIL RECEIVED

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

JOSEPHINE ROAD SEWER HOOK-UP - VIDA SNYDER

Ms. Vida Snyder explained to City Council she was promised water and sewer to her property on Josephine and annexed her property to receive those services. Ms. Snyder stated it will cost her over \$10,000 to put a private septic system in.

Public Works Superintendent Joel Gassaway explained water services are available to Ms. Snyder, but sewage services are not at this time. The ordinance states the property owner must hook up to sewer within five years after it is available. Currently it is not available.

Mr. Bill Berrigan, 1220 Josephine, stated he had to put in a private septic and had it upgraded about six years ago. Mr. Berrigan stated a lot of the neighbors in that area put in private septic systems. Mr. Berrigan stated he would be upset if it is made available now after putting in his own private system.

Mayor Slagle asked City Superintendent Joel Gassaway to meet with Ms. Snyder and discuss in more detail.

HAPPY DELL PARK - LARRY KULESZA

Mr. Larry Kulesza, 530 Juniper, stated Happy Dell Park was a gift to the City and was one of the best ball fields in the area for the last three generations. There was no vehicles allowed in the park until this year.

Mr. Brian Henderson, 630 Narcissus, stated there has been heavy trucks in there to change lights etc. at the park and it hasn't caused damage.

Ms. Lynn Schott, 867 Mingo Mountain Rd, stated she loved the Bluegrass Festival and supports having events at the park. However, she didn't like the RV's parked so close to the stage. Ms. Schott suggested creating guidelines for RV's and parking so everyone can enjoy the events.

Mr. Doug Kyle, Colville, Stated a lot of people come to Kettle Falls for the music vibe. He is pleased the issue isn't events at the park. There are options to address camping and parking.

Mr. Bill Berrigan suggested using unoccupied areas for parking, shuttling patrons from the school etc. He suggested not cluttering the park, let people enjoy the park.

Mr. Mark Harding, 1201 Serene Drive, stated his goal was to bring camping and music together. He had designated parking areas at Harvest Foods and the Woodland Theatre. The Bluegrass Festival brought in enough people to spend approximately \$15,000 to \$20,000 in town. Mark stated it is worth having the events and finding parking for those events.

Mr. Dave Blanck, Kettle Falls Chamber Vice President, stated for each person attending an event they will spend on average of \$50 in town. This event would have meant over \$25,000 spent in Kettle Falls.

Mayor Slagle stated the venues at Happy Dell Park are new and the City is trying to work out the kinks and learn as we go. The City had to hold an event to see what the issues really are and address those issues in the future. Mayor Slagle thanked everyone for coming.

CONSENT AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES FOR AUGUST 16th AND 23rd, 2016 AND AUGUST VOUCHERS AND PAYROLL

Council Member Steve Hedrick 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

FESTIVAL OF NEIGHBORS

City Planner Dave Keeley reviewed the itinerary for the Festival of Neighbors. Dave also asked City Council to attend the stage dedication scheduled for 2:30 p.m. to recognize all of the donors that helped with the Crossroads Stage.

September 16 & 17
4TH Annual Festival of Neighbors
At Happy Dell Park – Kettle Falls

Friday September 16
5:00 – 8:00 pm Beer Garden Bingo
8:00 – 10:30 pm Live country music on the Crossroads Stage by Killing Time

Saturday September 17
10:00 – 5:00 pm Gazebo Bingo
12:00 – 2:00 pm Dave Madera and his Native American Dance Troupe
2:00 pm Comet Drop kids games and activities
2:30 – 3:15 pm Crossroads Stage Dedication
3:15 – 4:00 pm Monumental Aerial
4:00 – 5:00 pm Tribe Zenith Belly Dancers
5:00 – 7:30 pm Live classic rock on the Crossroads Stage by Rapter
8:00 – 10:30 pm Live rock & blues on the Crossroads Stage by Northern Aliens

Hay Rides and parking all day from Happy Dell Park to the KF Middle School and McIntosh's Hardware. Vendors are still welcome. For more information, contact Kettle Falls City Hall at 738-6821

NEW BUSINESS

POSSIBLE CONFIRMATION FOR CITY SUPERINTENDENT POSITION

Mayor Slagle stated she would like to appoint Mr. Dave *DW* Willey to the position of Public Works Superintendent.

Council Member Dale Drake asked if City Council could have an Executive Session to discuss the applicant.

Mayor Slagle announced there would be an Executive Session at the end of the meeting.

WASHINGTON STATE DEPT. OF HEALTH - WATER HOOKUPS

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway reported that the Dept. of Health has granted the City 1650 water hookups. If the City drills another well that number could be 3,564. Avista is still pumping more than expected but will be pumping less by next summer as their system goes off line. Joel stated at this time there are about 200 hookups left.

US HWY 395 SIDEWALK PROJECT - FINAL PAYMENT

City Planner Dave Keeley stated this is the final payment to WM Winkler Co. in the amount of \$57,919.85 but does not include the 5% retainage.

Council Member Steve Hedrick moved to approve the final payment to WM Winkler Co. 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.

FOREST HEALTH PROJECT

Mr. Bill Berrigan stated he was asked by Public Works Superintendent Joel Gassaway to look at City owned property and give a report on the overall forest health of those properties. Mr. Berrigan reviewed his findings with City Council.



Berrigan Forestry, Inc.

Forest Management - Cruising - Harvest Coordination

Forest Stewardship Proposal for Kettle Falls City Well Protection Acres

Area involved: Well site area south of Kettle Falls
(parcels 8005325 and 1942050) Section 30 T36N R38E

Present Conditions

Access:

Access is by means of a steep, graveled single lane road that winds down the hill from Hwy. 25. It passes through and is adjacent to a residential neighborhood. The road is controlled by a locked gate. The bulk of the property has access roads to each of the well sites, as well as older 'woods roads' throughout.

Property Lines:

Although all property corners should be in place, corners and property lines need to be clearly identified by paint, flagging, etc. Recent adjacent logging has required some flagging of the lines along the west and south boundaries. It is not known how accurate such flagging is.

Forest Conditions:

The overstory trees on this property consist of dense clumps and scattered individual ponderosa pine and Douglas-fir with an occasional western larch. Tree diameters range from 8 to 24 inches and many trees are very tall. The understory trees are ponderosa pine and Douglas-fir, 2-8 inches in diameter, found on most of the property in dense clumps. Forest health is starting to deteriorate due to overcrowding of trees of all sizes. Patches of bark beetle (Ips) damage and mortality were found. Such damage may increase due to the recent adjacent logging activities, creating slash that attracts bark beetles.

Human Use:

Although not known by direct observation, the past years of housing developments adjacent to the City property must certainly have increased use of that property by neighbors. Hiking, dog walking, hunting, fishing, etc. are dragging the City property into a defacto 'park/recreational area.' Accidental wildfire is a strong possibility.

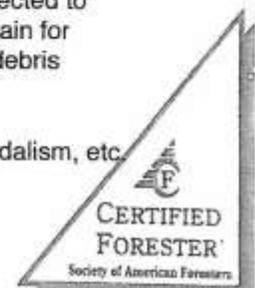
Partial Solution

This forest is in need of both a commercial selective thinning of the overstory trees and after that is completed, a pre-commercial thinning of the understory trees. The goal of both activities would be to space the remaining trees, providing more healthy forest stands that can do a better job of resisting insects, disease and wildfires. Healthy trees of all sizes would be selected to remain, thereby providing both a more resilient forest and an area the City can maintain for future goals. Funds from the logging would pay for pre-commercial thinning and all debris treatments.

Note: There is an old cabin on the site which, over time will be more exposed to vandalism, etc. Does the City have any plan for protection/preservation of this building?



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OLD BUSINESS

CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES - UNION NEGOTIATIONS

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam reported the Mayor met with the Carpenters Union last month. The Mayor has expressed her wish to not handle negotiations as planned. Raena asked City Council to authorize a contract with The Wesley Group to review policies and handle all aspects of union negotiations with both the Carpenters Union and Teamsters Union.

Council Member Steve Hedrick moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with The Wesley Group for a monthly retainer of \$1,200. 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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Slagle stated the City Council would now go into Executive Session to discuss qualifications of an applicant for public employment. The executive Session would last approximately five minutes.

City Council entered into Executive Session at 8:18 p.m.

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam notified the public the Executive Session would be another 5 minutes.

City Council returned to the regular meeting at 8:29 p.m.

POSSIBLE CONFIRMATION FOR CITY SUPERINTENDENT POSITION

Council Member Jesse Garret moved to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Dave *DW* Willey as Public Works Superintendent. Council Member Debbie Gaskin seconded the motion. Motion carried. Council Member Steve Hedrick - yes, Council Member Jesse Garrett - yes Council Member Dale Drake - no and Council Member Debbie Gaskin - yes.

HWY 395 SIDEWALKS

Mr. Keith Miller stated he was really impressed with the sidewalks and swales this year. Everything thing looked really nice.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Dorothy Slagle adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Approved:

Dorothy Slagle, Mayor

Attest: _____
Raena Hallam, Clerk/Treasurer