

KETTLE FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
BUDGET WORKSHOP
NOVEMBER 8, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jesse Garrett called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Dale Drake, John Ridlington, Jesse Garrett, Chris Shurrum and Wayne Wardlow. Michael Weatherman was absent.

Council Member Dale Drake moved to excuse Michael Weatherman from the meeting. Council Member John Ridlington seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member Dale Drake -yes, Council Member John Ridlington - yes, Council Member Chris Shurrum -yes and Council Member Wayne Wardlow - yes.

STAFF

Staff - Raena Hallam, Michael Gettys and Dave Willey.

Guests - No Guests were present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MAIL RECEIVED

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

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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

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

NEW BUSINESS

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

OLD BUSINESS

2023 BUDGET

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam asked City Council if there were any concerns or questions regarding the Mayors 2023 draft budget presented October 25, 2022.

ARPA Fund - Swimming Pool

Council Member John Ridlington stated he would like to see bath fixtures for the swimming pool included in the ARPA Fund.

Mayor Jesse Garrett stated he wants ARPA Funds to be for City projects. He explained the City has budgeted \$20,000 and purchases for the swimming pool can be expended against the \$20,000.

Council Member Wayne Wardlow confirmed the City Council could do a budget amendment later in the year if needed.

Council Member Dale Drake stated he would like to see the pool committee do some price checking for the fixtures before purchasing.

Council Member John Ridlington stated he did at Lowes in Spokane. These prices seemed in line with theirs.

COLA

Council Member Dale Drake questioned the 8.2% Cost of Living Increase included in the budget.

Mayor Jesse Garrett stated he will not blindsides the employees.

Council Member Dale Drake stated he isn't against giving wage increases. He is concerned about affordability and doesn't want to have to take it away later.

Mayor Jesse Garrett stated he hopes the City isn't in that position in the future. He stated he will work on proposing new language for the resolution next year.

Radio Read Water Meters

Mayor Garrett asked if the City could install the radio read water meters in sections. Public Works Superintendent Dave Willey responded yes, they can be installed in sections.

Council Member Dale Drake asked if all 1,300 meters were purchased would the Public Works have the time to install that many meters.

Public Works Superintendent Dave Willey stated he hopes they can, but depends if other things come up too.

Evidence Room

Police Chief Michael Gettys discussed with City Council procedures for collecting and discarding evidence. He stated he found a evidence professional who would review and inventory our evidence room. She would make recommendations and help write policy and procedures regarding evidence. Police Chief Michael Gettys stated he would really like to have this done and requested the money be included in the 2023 budget.

Mayor Garrett agreed and stated he would sit down with Police Chief Michael Gettys and Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam tomorrow to see where it can fit in the budget.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor John Ridlington adjourned the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

Approved:

Jesse Garrett, Mayor

Attest: _____
Raena Hallam, Clerk/Treasurer