

KETTLE FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 1, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jesse Garrett called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Jesse Garrett, John Ridlington, Dale Drake, 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, Phil Adams, Dave Willey, Katy Pike, Larry Kulesza, Michael Gettys and Logan Worley.

Guests - Ken House, Sandra Lindell, Betty Stark, Vernie Hodgson, Kathy Ballew, Lisa Wolfe, Dagmar Galloway, Evelyn Florio and Janice Berube.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MAIL RECEIVED

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Jesse Garrett announced there would be an Executive Session at the end of the City Council meeting under the guidelines of RCW 42.30.110 (b) To consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price. The Executive Session will be approximately 5 minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

PUBLIC HEARING - WATER & SEWER RATES

City Attorney Logan Worley opened the Public Hearing to discuss utility rates-water and sewer.

Planning Assistant Larry Kulesza reported the City Council Utilities Committee met to review the water rate structure, adjust the rates for inflation and out of town water rate equalization (60% higher than in town rate). A rate study

completed by Century West Engineering in 2020 was used to measure these factors.

It is the recommendation of the City Council Utilities Committee to increase the water rates as follows:

In Town - \$21.50 plus \$1.20 per thousand gallons.

Out of Town - \$42.00 plus \$1.30 per thousand gallons.

City Attorney Logan Worley opened the Public Hearing to the public for comment on the proposed water rate increases at 7:13 p.m. No public comment was presented. City Attorney Logan Worley closed the hearing for public comment on water at 7:14 p.m.

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam explained the sewer rate is proposed to be increased by \$5.00. Raena stated this increase was included in the 2022 budget and wasn't implemented. The increase is also below the inflation rate.

City Attorney Logan Worley opened the Public Hearing to the public for comment on the proposed sewer rate increase at 7:19 p.m. No public comment was presented. City Attorney Logan Worley closed the hearing for public comment on sewer at 7:20 p.m.

PICKLEBALL CLUB

Ms. Evelyn Florio stated the Kettle Falls Rotary Club will be helping fund raise for a pickleball court. Ms. Florio also stated the club raised \$500 from pickle month sales.

Ms. Lisa Wolfe stated they are also pursuing grants.

Council Member John Ridlington stated the Rotary Club has applied for a \$5,000 grant for the project. They are also donating one night of Bingo proceeds.

Ms. Florio asked the City what they could contribute.

Mayor Garrett responded that a lot of the City's contribution will be City work and time.

CONSENT AGENDA

City Council Minutes for September 27, 2022 and October 4th (Water Rate Workshop) City Council meeting Minutes. October, 2022 Vouchers and Payroll.

Council Member Wayne Wardlow made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member Chris Shurrum 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 REPORTS

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief Phil Adams reported 6 calls since the last Council meeting. He further reported over 200 kids came to the fire station for Halloween candy.

POLICE

Police Chief Michael Gettys reported 30 calls since the last Council meeting. Michael reported another use of force incident involving Officer Kelly and three Stevens County Deputies assisting.

Police Chief Michael Gettys stated he located an Evidence Expert who travels providing training to jurisdictions and helping with their evidence policies and procedures. He has reached out to obtain a quote.

Police Chief Michael Gettys stated he ordered the new police vehicle and saved about \$2,000 using the state contract.

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works Superintendent Dave Willey reported the department is getting ready for winter. He is working out a deal with the County for sand.

Public Works Superintendent Dave Willey also reported a property on Serene Drive currently has two homes with one water meter. It has been this way for years. The owners are splitting the property and will be selling one of the parcels. Now is the time to install another water meter.

LIBRARY

Library Manager Katy Pike reported the Friends of the Library will be meeting November 8, 2022 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Library Manager Katy Pike reported 36 kids carved pumpkins and 18-25 kids participated in the afterschool art program.

Library Manger Katy Pike stated the library will be closed November 14, 2022 for staff training.

Library Manger Katy Pike thanked Public Works Superintendent and the Public Works Department for the ADA parking project and for all of the support they provide.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SWIMMING POOL

Council Member John Ridlington stated they are moving along with the pool.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Council Member John Ridlington stated the Chamber of Commerce will host a kiddie carnival at City Hall during the Christmas Tree lighting.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NO. 1811 - AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES TO RAISE REVENUE NECESSARY TO DEFRAY EXPENSES AND EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF KETTLE FALLS, WASHINGTON FOR THE FISCAL YEAR WNDING DECEMBER 31, 2023.

Council Member Wayne Wardlow moved to introduce Ordinance No. 1811 by title only. Council Member Dale Drake 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.

ORDINANCE NO. 1812 - AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2023.

Council Member Wayne Wardlow moved to introduce Ordinance No. 1812 by title only. Council Member Dale Drake 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-08 - A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A FEE SCHEDULE FOR BUILDING CODE ORDINANCES.

Mayor Jesse Garrett stated Resolution No. 22-08 will increase the building fees to cover the costs of contracting with Safebuilt.

Council Member Wayne Wardlow moved to adopt Resolution No. 22-08. 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.

ORDINANCE NO. 1813 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KETTLE FALLS, WASHINGTON AMENDING THE KETTLE FALLS MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 13.08 RELATING TO SEWER RATES.

Council Member Wayne Wardlow moved to introduce Ordinance No. 1813 by title only. Council Member Dale Drake 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.

ORDINANCE NO. 1814 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KETTLE FALLS, WASHINGTON AMENDING THE KETTLE FALLS MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 13.04 RELATING TO WATER RATES.

Council Member Wayne Wardlow moved to introduce Ordinance No. 1814 by title only. Council Member Dale Drake 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.

POSSIBLE ENGINEERING AWARD FOR THE KETTLE FALLS HIGH SCHOOL SIDEWALK CONNECTOR PROJECT.

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam stated the City received a RFQ from one engineering Firm, Century West Engineering. Raena stated she recommends awarding them the project.

Council Member Wayne Wardlow moved to award the Kettle Falls High School Sidewalk Connector Project to Century West Engineering. Council Member Dale Drake 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.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE KETTLE FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF KETTLE FALLS FOR ADA SIDEWALK TO NEW SWIMMING POOL AREA

Council Member John Ridlington stated to make room for an ADA sidewalk to the new swimming pool a portion of the sidewalk will need to be placed on the school district property. John stated he has already spoke with School Superintendent Michael Olsen who is in favor of drafting an agreement.

Council Member Wayne Wardlow made a motion authorizing the Mayor to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Kettle Falls School District after it has been approved by City Attorney Logan Worley. Council Member Dale Drake 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.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Mayor Jesse Garrett stated there will be a budget workshop next Tuesday, November 8th at 6:00 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Jesse Garrett announced the City Council would now enter into Executive Session under the guidelines of RCW 42.30.110 (b) To consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price. The Executive Session will be approximately 5 minutes.

City Council entered into Executive Session at 8:07 p.m..

Clerk/Treasurer announced the Executive Session would be another 10 minutes at 8:22 p.m.

City Council returned to the regular session at 8:28 p.m.

Council Member Wayne Wardlow made a motion to further explore the possible purchase of property and determine the maximum amount allowable. Council Member Chris Shurrum 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Jesse Garrett adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Approved:

Jesse Garrett, Mayor

Attest: _____
Raena Hallam, Clerk/Treasurer