

KETTLE FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 7, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Jesse Garrett, Dale Drake, Chris Shurrum, Michael Weatherman and Wayne Wardlow.

STAFF

Staff - Logan Worley, Raena Hallam, Phil Adams, Dave Willey and Larry Kulesza.

Guests - Nick Gourlie, Ken House, Robyn Westergard, Josh Jensen, Nichole Fandrey, Paul Dionne, Kelly Terry, Erin Moir, Kyle Ring and Jason Newton

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MAIL RECEIVED

CITY COUNCIL VACANCY

Mayor Jesse Garrett stated Council Member John Andrew recently passed and now there is a vacancy on the Kettle Falls City Council. He encouraged everyone to apply.

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam stated applicants must have lived in the city limits for at least one year and be a registered voter.

PUBLIC COMMENT

SUNSHINE DISPOSAL

Mr. Paul Dionne, Sunshine Disposal General Manager stated Sunshine Disposal started providing garbage services the week of May 16th. He just wanted to check in with the City Council to make sure they were happy with how things are going.

Mr. Dionne stated they had only 4 residential call backs, which were corrected the same day or the day after. They have had an excess of 100 upgrades including commercial accounts.

Mr. Dionne stated they still have two areas where the wires are too low, 980 Meyers and Ivy Trailer Park. He stated Spectrum plans to place them under ground.

Ms. Robyn Westergard stated her dumpster needs to be placed further back in her parking lot.

TOWN & COUNTRY DAYS

Kettle Falls Chamber President Nichole Fandrey Thanked the City for their support and power upgrade. A special thank you to Public Works Superintendent Dave Willey and the entire Public Works department.

Council Member Wayne Wardlow recognized Nichole Fandrey for the excellent job she did putting on Town & Country Days.

PUBLIC HEARING - AMENDING KETTLE FALLS MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 13.04.050 SETTING FORTH A PROCESS TO FAIRLY WORK THROUGH WATER HOOKUP APPLICATIONS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN COMPLETED

Mayor Jesse Garrett reported the purpose of this ordinance is to fairly dispense the outstanding water hookup applications. From pending, to install mode.

Mayor Jesse Garrett stated the City will review the water ordinances, available ERU's and make sure we have sufficient water reserved and also allow sufficient growth in and outside of the City. After a certain date which will be determined, any new applications will be on hold.

Council Member Chris Shurrum asked if there was an end date to the moratorium. Mayor Jesse Garrett stated no, it gives City Council time to work through the backlog. All intent and purposes it will be resolved as soon as possible.

Mayor Jesse Garrett further explained it gives the opportunity for the City Council, Public Works Superintendent and City Engineer the opportunity to come together so the City has a firm direction.

Council Member Wayne Wardlow asked which aquifer the City draws water from? Wayne explained there are three layers: the clay layer, the unconfined middle area and the lower confined area.

Public Works Superintendent Dave Willey stated he didn't know.

Council Member Wayne Wardlow stated in his research today he discovered the City had hired a hydrologist by the name of Gene St. Goddard in 2007/2012.

Council Member Wayne Wardlow stated he emailed a map to Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam earlier from Mr. Adam Case. The map shows the different aquifer layers in our area. Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam stated she didn't check her email late in the day.

Mayor Jesse Garrett opened the Public Hearing for public comment at 7:24 p.m.

Mrs. Robyn Westergard asked if she had to pay for the complete hookup or the \$1,000 application fee. Mayor Jesse Garrett stated \$1,000 for each application before December 31, 2022.

Mrs. Robyn Westergard asked about the City's priority mentioned in section E of the ordinance. City Attorney Logan Worley stated that language is not new and is already in the municipal code. He explained the only new language is underlined section A.

Planning Commissioner Larry Kulesza stated he took an oath of office to uphold the constitution and he has his own methodology for determining available water hookups. He stated he will take the Mayor at his word.

Mrs. Robyn Westergard asked if she would be forced to annex. City Attorney Logan Worley stated her property would have to be contiguous with the City limits and inside of the UGA.

Mayor Jesse Garrett closed the public hearing to public comment at 7:38 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES FOR MAY 3, 2022 AND MAY VOUCHERS AND PAYROLL

Council Member Wayne Wardlow moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member Dale Drake seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member Dale Drake - yes, Council Member Chris Shurrum - yes, Council Member Wayne Wardlow - yes and Council Member Michael Weatherman - yes.

STAFF REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works Superintendent Dave Willey reported the undeveloped well was tested today and will not be feasible as a water source for the City. It only pumped 50 gallons per minute.

Public Works Superintendent Dave Willey stated Interstate will be patching Horseshoe, Oak and Evergreen over the next few weeks.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief Phil Adams stated the department responded to a structure fire in Ferry County, two car wrecks and a downed power line.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mayor Garrett read Police Chief Michael Getty's staff report into the record:

Police Department Council Meeting Report 06/07/22

- We've had 39 calls since the last council meeting.

- The week that Brandon and I were gone for training, the County helped us with the few calls that came in during the day when Sean wasn't on duty. There were no issues that weren't promptly handled, and I'm very appreciative for their help. We continue to have a good, reciprocal relationship with the Sheriff's Department, and I'm thankful for their support when we are not available and will continue to foster that relationship by support them however we are able.

- T&C was smooth and almost issue free for us. I'd like to say thanks to all who were involved in the planning and preparation that made this happen.

- Considering recent events, I have been spending a lot of time at the schools figuring out logistics and protocols in preparation of the possibility of an incident (I want to be prepared and hopefully never have to use that preparation.) All of us officers now have master keys to all the schools and can gain access in case of emergencies. Our ballistic shields are on order and should arrive before the start of school in the fall.

I also believe that our involvement in the schools is vital in having a positive impact on the children with their image and perception of Police. More school involvement will help curb illegal activity and behavioral patterns in the schoolchildren that will inevitably carry over into adulthood. Basically, I think we have a huge opportunity to make a difference in our community through school involvement.

- In honor of the memory of Councilmen John Andrew, I'd like to say a final thank you from my department for his service to the city. I appreciate his service and commitment to the betterment of his community. Rest in Peace.

PLANNING

Planning Assistant Larry Kulesza presented his report to City Council:

Report from Kettle Falls Planning to the City Council

June 7, 2022

HAPI Grant update:

- There was a Kickoff Zoom meeting on May 9 to discuss the timeline of the grant process. Public participation was also discussed.
- Stakeholder interviews were held on May 26 and 27.
- Mayor Garret and I gave a quick city tour to Sam Brookham of Leland Consulting Group who conducted the interviews in Kettle Falls.

Planning staff meeting June 6:

- We were introduced to Aaron Qualls from SCJ who is going to be taking Alicia's place while she is on maternity leave. Aaron also works with the City of Colville.
- Staff will start updating the city zoning map to facilitate planning related communication.
- The eastern UGA, its history, access challenges, and possible reduction was discussed.

Other Matters of interest:

- The Dept. of Commerce has opened an application portal from June 8 until July 1 for "legacy" events, festivals, etc. They need to have been in existence for 5 or more years and are restricted to cities less than 100,000 in population. The grants range from \$5,000 to \$35,000. They are based on need and demonstrated losses.
- If the CofC could show reduced revenue during the pandemic years for T&C days, it sounds like they might qualify. I will email the notice to the planning staff and to any other interested parties.

Larry Kulesza
Contract Planning Assistant

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TOWN & COUNTRY DAYS

Council Member Wayne Wardlow reported the Town & Country Days committee is already planning for next year.

NEW BUSINESS

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

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NO. 1809 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING KETTLE FALLS MUNICIPAL CODE SECTIONS 13.04.050 AND 13.04.230 REGARDING APPLICATIONS FOR WATER HOOKUPS AND THE APPLICATION FEE FOR WATER HOOKUPS

Mayor Jesse Garrett proposed changing the deadline to accept applications be July 15, 2022.

Council Member Wayne Wardlow asked if they have additional information later can the ordinance be changed.

Mayor Jesse Garrett stated yes, it may require a water plan update.

Council Member Michael Weatherman moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1809 by title only. Council Member Chris Shurrum seconded the motion. Motion carried. Council Member Dale Drake - yes, Council Member Chris Shurrum - yes, Council Member Wayne Wardlow - no and Council Member Michael Weatherman - yes.

WATER HOOKUP APPLICATION - PARCEL #1919006 (NEXT TO 1000 MONTY'S WAY) - JOHN DOTTS

Council Member Wayne Wardlow moved to approve a water hookup application for Mr. John Dotts for parcel #1919006.

Discussion:

Council Member Dale Drake stated he wants to keep him from having permanent RV sites. He wants to know exactly what Mr. Dotts has planned.

Council Member Dale Drake asked about fire protection. Fire Chief Phil Adams stated the department already protects the property.

Council Member Michael Weatherman seconded the motion. Motion carried. Council Member Dale Drake - no, Council Member Chris Shurrum - yes, Council Member Wayne Wardlow - yes and Council Member Michael Weatherman - yes.

WATER HOOKUP APPLICATION - 1259 OLD KETTLE ROAD - JOHNSON & STEARNS

Mayor Jesse Garrett stated this application has already been presented before. It is for one residential water hookup.

Council Member Wayne Wardlow moved to approve the water hookup for 1259 Old Kettle Road. Council Member Chris Shurrum seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member Dale Drake - yes, Council Member Chris Shurrum - yes, Council Member Wayne Wardlow - no and Council Member Michael Weatherman - yes.

ORDINANCE NO. 1804 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KETTLE FALLS, STEVENS COUNTY, WASHINGTON, ESTABLISHING REDUCED BASE RATES FOR WATER, SEWER AND REFUSE SERVICES TO LOW INCOME SENIOR CITIZENS AND LOW INCOME DISABLED CITIZENS. IN MEMORY OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBER JOHN ANDREW, WHO BELIEVED VERY STRONGLY IN HELPING THE LOW INCOME RESIDENTS OF KETTLE FALLS.

Council Member Dale Drake moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1804 by title only. Council Member Michael Weatherman seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member Dale Drake - yes, Council Member Chris Shurrum - yes, Council Member Wayne Wardlow - yes and Council Member Michael Weatherman - yes.

ORDINANCE NO. 1810 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KETTLE FALLS, WASHINGTON, ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL REVENUE FUND "ARPA FUND" IN THE CITY'S BUDGET

Council Member Wayne Wardlow moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1810 by title only. Council Member Michael Weatherman seconded the motion. Motion carried. Council Member Dale Drake - abstained, Council Member Chris Shurrum - yes, Council Member Wayne Wardlow - yes and Council Member Michael Weatherman - yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

PANORAMA RV PARK

Planning Assistant Larry Kulesza stated the City had misinterpreted the state laws several years ago which he has documentation of. He explained to correct the issue, the City will need to amend the ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Jesse Garrett adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

Approved:

Jesse Garrett, Mayor

Attest: _____
Raena Hallam, Clerk/Treasurer