

KETTLE FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 12, 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 - Michael Gettys, Raena Hallam, Dave Willey, Phil Adams and Larry Kulesza.

Guests - Josh Weatherman and Nicole Fandrey.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MAIL RECEIVED

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

SKATEPARK COMPETITION

Ms. Nichole Fandrey explained the Skate Park Competition scheduled for Town & Country Days had to be cancelled due to weather. It has been rescheduled for Saturday, July 16th.

Town & Country Days – Skate Comp

July 16th 5-9pm

Requesting from City

- Approval to Close both Southbound lanes on Meyers from 6th street to 7th street.
 - There are no parts of the event planned in the street traffic lanes, but we want to provide space for safety.
- Requesting to dump trash cans in a city dumpster
- 2 Bleachers placed at Skate Park (same as had been done for Town & Country Days)

Chamber will be providing (1) outhouse

Chamber is recruiting for 1 or 2 small food vendors or concession booths. These booths will be placed in the parking spaces in front of the skate park.

Ms. Fandrey stated she expects approximately 100 kids to participate in the competition.

Mayor Jesse Garrett expressed concern about only blocking half of the street. He explained the water park is across the street and he expects kids will run back and forth between the parks. He suggested closing both sides of Meyers between 6th and 7th.

Council Member Michael Weatherman moved to approve Ms. Fandrey's requests and include blocking both sides of Meyers Street between 6th and 7th. 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.

WATER HOOKUP APPLICATION - PARCEL #0300640 1325 SUNSET WAY - TIMOTHY PANNELL

Council Member Dale Drake asked about the road conditions of Sunset Way.

Fire Chief Phil Adams stated they are starting to make road improvements by bringing gravel in.

Council Member Dale Drake asked if the Fire Chief can say the fire department will not respond to a fire.

Fire Chief Phil Adams stated yes, he has the authority to make that call. He has visited with them and that is why they have started making improvements.

Council Member Wayne Wardlow moved to approve the Water Hookup application for parcel #0300640 - Timothy Pannell. 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.

KETTLE FALLS SCHOOL SECURITY

Mr. Josh Weatherman stated as a father, community member and three generation business owner he is concerned about the safety in the Kettle Falls School District. He stated he has been attending school board meetings, has also met with school officials from Freeman High School and wants to be part of a solution, not a problem.

Mr. Weatherman stated the Kettle Falls Police Department is small plus there are only three Stevens County Deputies that cover an eighty mile radius. He expressed his desire that the City and School District research and consider a School Resource Officer position.

Mr. Weatherman stated the School District is making progress, such as tools to break out a window and updating their emergency plan. He stated it is slow progress, but good progress.

Council Member Wayne Wardlow stated the City would love to make a School Resource Officer happen.

Council Member Michael Weatherman stated it all comes down to money.

After discussion, Mayor Jesse Garrett stated he would like Police Chief Michael Gettys to keep working with the School District to update their emergency plan. He would also like to work with the School District to discuss grant opportunities for a School Resource Officer.

CONSENT AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES FOR MAY 25, 2022 AND JUNE VOUCHERS AND PAYROLL

Council Member Michael Weatherman moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member Wayne Wardlow 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 stated the HVAC is still not working making the computers quit due to overheating.

Public Works Superintendent Dave Willey stated the kids from the summer church program are here and plan to paint the skatepark. He stated paint increased \$11 per gallon.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief Phil Adams stated the department responded to 8 calls, a smoke check, brush fire, down power line and miscellaneous false alarms. He also stated the department had life flight training last night.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief Michael Gettys stated the department received the shields they ordered.

Council Member Wayne Wardlow asked when the City of Colville builds the homeless camp can the Kettle Falls Police Department legally refer individuals to the camp?

PLANNING

Planning Assistant Larry Kulesza presented his report to City Council:

Report from Kettle Falls Planning to the City Council

July 12, 2022

July 11, 2022, Planning Commission meeting, items under discussion included:

- An update on the progress of the pool was made by John Riddlington. Target date appears to be midsummer 2023. A new mechanical room will be built.
- A request was made by Mr. Riddlington for the PC to coordinate with Public Works about the siting of a donor sponsorship sign for the new playground equipment at HDP.
- The pickle ball group made a presentation and asked for assistance in fundraising.
- The Planning Goals for 2022 were reviewed and prioritized.
- The PC passed a motion to recommend that the CC authorize a payment, not to exceed \$650 from its 2022 budget allowance, to acquire a small utility trailer from the estate of John Andrew for the purpose of storing and transporting the musical gear that the city has acquired.
- The PC also discussed acquiring a new sign for the community garden from its budget allowance.
- Aaron from SCJ gave an update on the HAPI grant. More detailed information will be available soon, survey, open house, etc.
- The Parks and Recreation Plan has moved to the drafting process.
- The PC Bylaw review has moved to the drafting process.
- Notification was given of the July 21, 2022, Stevens County Comp Plan update hybrid public hearing. Public input can be submitted at this time.

Other Matters of interest:

- The city's focus at the SC public workshop on June 23, 2022, was to convince the county to retain the involvement of the fire districts in the subdivision and short plat process. After much discussion the SCPC voted to table the matter for the year to allow the districts to express their concerns and to work towards a consensus resolution with the county. A shout-out to Districts #1 and #6 for their presentations and to Mayor Garret, Councilman Weatherman and the KF Planning Staff for their support. This is something that required maintaining focus for 3 years. Now to take it to the finish. Well done.
- Alicia Ayers from SCJ had a baby boy on July 4. Congratulations!

Larry Kulesza

Contract Planning Assistant

CLERK/TREASURER

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam provided a copy of the WA State Auditors Exit Conference Report to City Council for fiscal years 2019 and 2020. (a complete copy on file)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Council Member Dale Drake stated he met with Police Chief Michael Gettys and found out he buys coffees, treats for deputies as a thank you for their assistance out of his own pocket. He further stated Kettle Falls will be hosting the September Sheriffs and Chiefs meeting and will need money for food and beverages.

Council Member Dale Drake stated he would like to see a Police Department Expense Fund created at a rate of \$100 per month for these types of expenses.

NEW BUSINESS

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PUBLIC COMMENT

RALPH'S TAVERN STREET ENCROACHMENT

Mr. Larry Kulesza asked if anyone noticed how far into the street Ralph's Tavern encroached during the concert last weekend.

Mayor Jesse Garrett stated he was very aware.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Jesse Garrett adjourned the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

Approved:

Jesse Garrett, Mayor

Attest: _____
Raena Hallam, Clerk/Treasurer