

**KETTLE FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**APRIL 4, 2023**

**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, Michael Weatherman and Wayne Wardlow.

**STAFF**

Staff - Raena Hallam, Dave Willey, Phil Adams, Katy Pike, Brandon Hoover and Larry Kulesza.

Guests - Josh Weatherman.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MAIL RECEIVED**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**COUNCIL MINUTES FOR MARCH 21, 2023 AND MARCH VOUCHERS AND PAYROLL**

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

**STAFF REPORTS**

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Public Works Superintendent Dave Willey reported Specialty Pump pulled well pump #2 and the diagnosis isn't good news. There are holes in the pipe which means about 120' of pipe will also need to be replaced on top of needing a new pump.

Public Works Superintendent Dave Willey stated the single axle dump truck is ready to use. He hopes next year to use it to

pick up leaves. He stated it will be less time-consuming and more cost effective not having to open bags to dump the leaves. Mayor Garrett stated the leaf pick up fee needs to be revisited.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Fire Chief Phil Adams reported they had three fire calls since the last meeting. One false alarm, a traffic accident and assisting Fire District #3 & #8 with a structure fire.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Police Officer Brandon Hoover provided a list of calls since the last Council meeting. He further stated it is spring break this week.

Police Officer Brandon Hoover stated he will be working from 8:00 - 8:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. He further stated himself and Officer Sean Kelly will be attending training in Colville regarding evidence processing.

**LIBRARY**

Library Manager Katy Pike discussed security cameras for the Kettle Falls Library. She received some quotes ranging between \$5,400 to \$9,400 depending on wiring requirements.

Library Manager Katy Pike announced her resignation effective April 28, 2023 from the Kettle Falls Library. She has accepted a position with the Spokane County Library.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**KETTLE FALLS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Council Member John Ridlington stated the chamber is planning several ribbon cutting ceremonies for new businesses.

**KETTLE FALLS SWIMMING POOL**

Council Member John Ridlington stated they will be moving in a large crane next week if the road restrictions are lifted.

Council Member Wayne Wardlow stated he is working on staffing for the new pool this summer. He further discussed all the certifications needed to be a pool manager.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**REVIEW OF PERSONNEL POLICY RULE 7, SECTION 7-12 (RESOLUTION NO. 14-09)**

Mayor Jesse Garrett stated he would like to ask the Labor Relations Committee (Council Members Chris Shurrum and Michael Weatherman) to provide as much of a wage increase as possible without hurting the budget. For example, something greater than 7% would be pro-rated.

Council Member John Ridlington suggested comparing it to other cities.

Council Member Dale Drake stated he doesn't like being locked in by the resolution language. He feels the City Council does a good job keeping up with employee wages.

**RESOLUTION NO. 23/22-01C - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KETTLE FALLS, WASHINGTON CREATING A SPENDING PLAN FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARPA)**

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam stated the proposed resolution adds \$10,000 for security cameras at the library, \$115,000 for a new pump and pipe for well #2 and \$50,000 for a new city hall roof.

Council Member Dale Drake asked if the police officers would be able to pull up to the building and watch the security camera footage from their car. Library Manager Katy Pike stated it would depend on what system was purchased and the legal ramifications. She suggested speaking with City Attorney Logan Worley.

Police Officer Brandon Hoover agreed.

Council Member Chris Shurrum stated he put a security system on his house for \$400 and asked why this is so expensive.

Council Member Wayne Wardlow stated in England they have cameras everywhere.

Council Member Wayne Wardlow moved to adopt Resolution No. 23/22-01C. 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, Council Member Michael Weatherman - yes and Council Member Wayne Wardlow - yes.

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING - STEVENS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
AND THE CITY OF KETTLE FALLS**

Mayor Jesse Garrett stated this is a standard agreement allowing Stevens County Deputies to fill shifts as needed. The City previously had an agreement, but it is now expired.

Council Member Dale Drake moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the Stevens County Sheriff and the City of Kettle Falls. Council Member Wayne Wardlow seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member Dale Drake - yes, Council Member John Ridlington - yes, Council Member Chris Shurrum - yes, Council Member Michael Weatherman - yes and Council Member Wayne Wardlow - yes.

**RAILROAD PROPERTY AGREEMENT**

Police Officer Brandon Hoover asked if the City had an agreement with the Railroad about trespassing on their property. He explained some cities have agreements with the railroad where they can criminally trespass someone off railroad property. Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam stated she has not seen an agreement like that.

**OLD BUSINESS**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Jesse Garrett adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Approved:

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Jesse Garrett, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Raena Hallam, Clerk/Treasurer